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ARTICLE 3**FINANCIAL CRIMES AND FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS**

43.24 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.82, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

43.25 Subdivision 1. **Application.** This section shall apply to agencies which carry on a law
 43.26 enforcement function, including but not limited to municipal police departments, county
 43.27 sheriff departments, fire departments, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Minnesota
 43.28 State Patrol, the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, ~~the Department of~~
 43.29 ~~Commercee~~, and county human service agency client and provider fraud investigation,
 43.30 prevention, and control units operated or supervised by the Department of Human Services.

44.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 43A.17, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

44.2 Subd. 13. **Compensation for law enforcement officers.** (a) For purposes of this
 44.3 subdivision, the term "law enforcement officers" means all licensed peace officers employed
 44.4 by the state who are included in the state units under section 179A.10, subdivision 2,
 44.5 including without limitation: Minnesota State Patrol troopers, Bureau of Criminal
 44.6 Apprehension agents, including Financial Crimes and Fraud Section agents, and Alcohol
 44.7 and Gambling Enforcement agents, in the Department of Public Safety; Department of
 44.8 Natural Resources conservation officers; and Department of Corrections Fugitive
 44.9 Apprehension Unit members; and ~~Commercee Fraud Bureau agents in the Department of~~
 44.10 ~~Commercee~~.

44.11 (b) When the commissioner of management and budget negotiates a collective bargaining
 44.12 agreement establishing compensation for law enforcement officers, the commissioner must
 44.13 use compensation and benefit data from the most recent salary and benefits survey conducted
 44.14 pursuant to section 299D.03, subdivision 2a, to compare salaries to ensure appropriate
 44.15 increases are made to law enforcement officer salaries and benefits.

44.16 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

44.17 Subd. 2b. **Duties.** The commissioner of commerce Fraud Bureau shall may:

44.18 (1) review notices and reports within the Commercee Fraud Bureau's primary jurisdiction
 44.19 submitted by authorized insurers, their employees, and agents or producers regarding
 44.20 insurance fraud, as defined in section 60A.951, subdivision 4;

44.21 (2) respond to notifications or complaints within the Commercee Fraud Bureau's primary
 44.22 jurisdiction generated by other law enforcement agencies, state or federal governmental
 44.23 units, or any other person;

44.24 (3) (2) initiate inquiries and conduct investigations under section 45.027 when the bureau
 44.25 commissioner has reason to believe that an offense within the Commercee Fraud Bureau's
 44.26 primary jurisdiction insurance fraud, as defined in section 60A.951, subdivision 4, has been
 44.27 or is being committed; and

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ARTICLE 6**FINANCIAL CRIMES AND FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS**

60.25 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.82, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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 60.27 enforcement function, including but not limited to municipal police departments, county
 60.28 sheriff departments, fire departments, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Minnesota
 60.29 State Patrol, the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, ~~the Department of~~
 60.30 ~~Commercee~~, and county human service agency client and provider fraud investigation,
 60.31 prevention, and control units operated or supervised by the Department of Human Services.

61.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 43A.17, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

61.2 Subd. 13. **Compensation for law enforcement officers.** (a) For purposes of this
 61.3 subdivision, the term "law enforcement officers" means all licensed peace officers employed
 61.4 by the state who are included in the state units under section 179A.10, subdivision 2,
 61.5 including without limitation: Minnesota State Patrol troopers, Bureau of Criminal
 61.6 Apprehension agents, including Financial Crimes and Fraud Section agents, and Alcohol
 61.7 and Gambling Enforcement agents, in the Department of Public Safety; Department of
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61.11 (b) When the commissioner of management and budget negotiates a collective bargaining
 61.12 agreement establishing compensation for law enforcement officers, the commissioner must
 61.13 use compensation and benefit data from the most recent salary and benefits survey conducted
 61.14 pursuant to section 299D.03, subdivision 2a, to compare salaries to ensure appropriate
 61.15 increases are made to law enforcement officer salaries and benefits.

61.16 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

61.17 Subd. 2b. **Duties.** The commissioner of commerce Fraud Bureau shall may:

61.18 (1) review notices and reports within the Commercee Fraud Bureau's primary jurisdiction
 61.19 submitted by authorized insurers, their employees, and agents or producers regarding
 61.20 insurance fraud, as defined in section 60A.951, subdivision 4;

61.21 (2) respond to notifications or complaints within the Commercee Fraud Bureau's primary
 61.22 jurisdiction generated by other law enforcement agencies, state or federal governmental
 61.23 units, or any other person;

61.24 (3) (2) initiate inquiries and conduct investigations under section 45.027 when the bureau
 61.25 commissioner has reason to believe that an offense within the Commercee Fraud Bureau's
 61.26 primary jurisdiction insurance fraud, as defined in section 60A.951, subdivision 4, has been
 61.27 or is being committed; and

44.28 ~~(4) report crimes disclosed by the Commerce Fraud Bureau's investigations to appropriate
44.29 law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, the attorney general, county
44.30 attorneys, or any other appropriate law enforcement or regulatory agency, and shall assemble
44.31 evidence, prepare charges, and otherwise assist any law enforcement authority having
44.32 jurisdiction.~~

45.1 ~~(3) share active investigative data pursuant to section 13.39 concerning insurance fraud
45.2 with the commissioner of public safety and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.~~

45.3 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, is amended by adding a subdivision to
45.4 read:

45.5 Subd. 2g. Criminal insurance fraud investigations. (a) The Bureau of Criminal
45.6 Apprehension shall conduct investigations of criminal insurance fraud, as defined in section
45.7 609.611, in accordance with section 299C.061.

45.8 (b) The commissioner shall report criminal insurance fraud-related crimes disclosed by
45.9 the Department of Commerce's investigations of civil insurance fraud to the Bureau of
45.10 Criminal Apprehension.

45.11 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

45.12 Subd. 6. Insurance fraud prevention account. The insurance fraud prevention account
45.13 is created in the state treasury. Money received from assessments under subdivision 7 section
45.14 299C.061, subdivision 10, and transferred from the automobile theft prevention account in
45.15 sections 65B.84, subdivision 1, and 297I.11, subdivision 2, is deposited in the account.
45.16 Money in this fund is appropriated to the commissioner of commerce public safety for the
45.17 purposes specified in this section and sections 60A.951 to 60A.956.

45.18 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

45.19 Subd. 7. Assessment. Each insurer authorized to sell insurance in the state of Minnesota,
45.20 including surplus lines carriers, and having Minnesota earned premium the previous calendar
45.21 year shall remit an assessment to the commissioner of public safety for deposit in the
45.22 insurance fraud prevention account on or before June 1 of each year. The amount of the
45.23 assessment shall be based on the insurer's total assets and on the insurer's total written
45.24 Minnesota premium, for the preceding fiscal year, as reported pursuant to section 60A.13.
45.25 The commissioner of public safety shall consult with the commissioner of commerce for
45.26 purposes of calculating the assessment amount. Beginning with the payment due on or
45.27 before June 1, 2024, the assessment amount is:

	Total Assets	Assessment
45.29	Less than \$100,000,000	\$ 400
45.30	\$100,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000	\$ 1,500

61.28 ~~(4) report crimes disclosed by the Commerce Fraud Bureau's investigations to appropriate
61.29 law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, the attorney general, county
61.30 attorneys, or any other appropriate law enforcement or regulatory agency, and shall assemble
61.31 evidence, prepare charges, and otherwise assist any law enforcement authority having
61.32 jurisdiction.~~

62.1 ~~(3) share active investigative data pursuant to section 13.39 concerning insurance fraud
62.2 with the commissioner of public safety and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.~~

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62.4 read:

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62.6 Apprehension shall conduct investigations of criminal insurance fraud, as defined in section
62.7 609.611, in accordance with section 299C.061.

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62.9 the Department of Commerce's investigations of civil insurance fraud to the Bureau of
62.10 Criminal Apprehension.

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62.17 purposes specified in this section and sections 60A.951 to 60A.956.

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62.20 including surplus lines carriers, and having Minnesota earned premium the previous calendar
62.21 year shall remit an assessment to the commissioner of public safety for deposit in the
62.22 insurance fraud prevention account on or before June 1 of each year. The amount of the
62.23 assessment shall be based on the insurer's total assets and on the insurer's total written
62.24 Minnesota premium, for the preceding fiscal year, as reported pursuant to section 60A.13.
62.25 The commissioner of public safety shall consult with the commissioner of commerce for
62.26 purposes of calculating the assessment amount. Beginning with the payment due on or
62.27 before June 1, 2024, the assessment amount is:

	Total Assets	Assessment
62.29	Less than \$100,000,000	\$ 400
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45.31	Over \$1,000,000,000	\$ 4,000	62.31	Over \$1,000,000,000	\$ 4,000
45.32	Minnesota Written Premium	Assessment	62.32	Minnesota Written Premium	Assessment
46.1	Less than \$10,000,000	\$ 400	63.1	Less than \$10,000,000	\$ 400
46.2	\$10,000,000 to \$100,000,000	\$ 1,500	63.2	\$10,000,000 to \$100,000,000	\$ 1,500
46.3	Over \$100,000,000	\$ 4,000	63.3	Over \$100,000,000	\$ 4,000
46.4	For purposes of this subdivision, the following entities are not considered to be insurers authorized to sell insurance in the state of Minnesota: risk retention groups; or township mutuals organized under chapter 67A.		63.4	For purposes of this subdivision, the following entities are not considered to be insurers authorized to sell insurance in the state of Minnesota: risk retention groups; or township mutuals organized under chapter 67A.	
46.7	Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 8, is amended to read:		63.7	Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 8, is amended to read:	
46.8	Subd. 8. Investigations; health-related boards. (a) The Commerce Fraud Bureau of Criminal Apprehension may consult with the appropriate health-related board when a licensee, licensed under chapter 144E, 147, 148, 148B, or 150A, is suspected of insurance fraud.		63.8	Subd. 8. Investigations; health-related boards. (a) The Commerce Fraud Bureau Bureau of Criminal Apprehension may consult with the appropriate health-related board when a licensee, licensed under chapter 144E, 147, 148, 148B, or 150A, is suspected of insurance fraud.	
46.12	(b) The bureau shall, for any conviction involving or related to insurance, send copies of all public data in its possession to the appropriate health-related licensing board.		63.12	(b) The bureau shall, for any conviction involving or related to insurance, send copies of all public data in its possession to the appropriate health-related licensing board.	
46.14	Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 9, is amended to read:		63.14	Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 9, is amended to read:	
46.15	Subd. 9. Administrative penalty for insurance fraud. (a) The commissioner may:		63.15	Subd. 9. Administrative penalty for insurance fraud. (a) The commissioner may:	
46.16	(1) impose an administrative penalty against any person in an amount as set forth in paragraph (b) for each intentional act of insurance fraud or substantiated acts of attempted insurance fraud as defined in section 60A.951, subdivision 4, committed by that person;		63.16	(1) impose an administrative penalty against any person in an amount as set forth in paragraph (b) for each intentional act of insurance fraud or substantiated acts of attempted insurance fraud, as defined in section 60A.951, subdivision 4, committed by that person;	
46.19	(2) order restitution to any person suffering loss as a result of the insurance fraud; and		63.19	(2) order restitution to any person suffering loss as a result of the insurance fraud; and	
46.20	(3) order restitution to a company for the reasonable documented cost of any investigation in connection with the insurance fraud.		63.20	(3) order restitution to a company for the reasonable documented cost of any investigation in connection with the insurance fraud.	
46.22	(b) The administrative penalty for each violation described in paragraph (a) may be no more than:		63.22	(b) The administrative penalty for each violation described in paragraph (a) may be no more than:	
46.24	(1) \$20,000 if the funds or the value of the property or services wrongfully obtained exceeds \$5,000;		63.24	(1) \$20,000 if the funds or the value of the property or services wrongfully obtained exceeds \$5,000;	
46.26	(2) \$10,000 if the funds or value of the property or services wrongfully obtained exceeds \$1,000, but not more than \$5,000;		63.26	(2) \$10,000 if the funds or value of the property or services wrongfully obtained exceeds \$1,000, but not more than \$5,000;	
46.28	(3) \$3,000 if the funds or value of the property or services wrongfully obtained is more than \$500, but not more than \$1,000; and		63.28	(3) \$3,000 if the funds or value of the property or services wrongfully obtained is more than \$500, but not more than \$1,000; and	
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46.30 (4) \$1,000 if the funds or value of the property or services wrongfully obtained is \$500
 46.31 or less.

47.1 (c) If an administrative penalty is not paid after all rights of appeal have been waived
 47.2 or exhausted, the commissioner may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction
 47.3 to collect the administrative penalty, including expenses and litigation costs, reasonable
 47.4 attorney fees, and interest.

47.5 (d) This section does not affect a person's right to seek recovery, including expenses
 47.6 and litigation costs, reasonable attorney fees, and interest, against any person that commits
 47.7 insurance fraud.

47.8 (e) For purposes of this subdivision, "insurance fraud" has the meaning given in section
 47.9 60A.951, subdivision 4.

47.10 (f) Hearings under this subdivision must be conducted in accordance with chapter 14
 47.11 and any other applicable law.

47.12 (g) All revenues from penalties, expenses, costs, fees, and interest collected under
 47.13 paragraphs (a) to (c) shall be deposited ~~in~~ into the insurance fraud prevention account under
 47.14 subdivision 6 section 299C.061, subdivision 9.

47.15 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.951, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

47.16 Subd. 2. **Authorized person.** "Authorized person" means the county attorney, sheriff,
 47.17 or chief of police responsible for investigations in the county where the suspected insurance
 47.18 fraud occurred; the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; the commissioner
 47.19 of commerce; ~~the Commerce Fraud Bureau~~; the commissioner of labor and industry; the
 47.20 attorney general; or any duly constituted criminal investigative department or agency of the
 47.21 United States.

47.22 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.952, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

47.23 Subd. 2. **Notice to and cooperation with the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal**
 47.24 **Apprehension.** Any insurer or insurance professional that has reasonable belief that an act
 47.25 of insurance fraud will be, is being, or has been committed, shall furnish and disclose all
 47.26 relevant information to the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension or to any
 47.27 authorized person and cooperate fully with any investigation conducted by the ~~Commerce~~
 47.28 ~~Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Any person that has a reasonable belief that an
 47.29 act of insurance fraud will be, is being, or has been committed, or any person who collects,
 47.30 reviews, or analyzes information concerning insurance fraud may furnish and disclose any
 47.31 information in its possession concerning the act to the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, any
 47.32 authorized person, or to an authorized representative of an insurer that requests the
 48.1 information for the purpose of detecting, prosecuting, or preventing insurance fraud. The
 48.2 insurer may also release relevant information to any person authorized to receive the
 48.3 information under section 72A.502, subdivision 2. If disclosure is made to an authorized

63.30 (4) \$1,000 if the funds or value of the property or services wrongfully obtained is \$500
 63.31 or less.

64.1 (c) If an administrative penalty is not paid after all rights of appeal have been waived
 64.2 or exhausted, the commissioner may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction
 64.3 to collect the administrative penalty, including expenses and litigation costs, reasonable
 64.4 attorney fees, and interest.

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 64.6 and litigation costs, reasonable attorney fees, and interest, against any person that commits
 64.7 insurance fraud.

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 64.9 60A.951, subdivision 4.

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 64.11 and any other applicable law.

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 64.13 paragraphs (a) to (c) shall be deposited ~~in~~ into the insurance fraud prevention account under
 64.14 subdivision 6 section 299C.061, subdivision 9.

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64.16 Subd. 2. **Authorized person.** "Authorized person" means the county attorney, sheriff,
 64.17 or chief of police responsible for investigations in the county where the suspected insurance
 64.18 fraud occurred; the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; the commissioner
 64.19 of commerce; ~~the Commerce Fraud Bureau~~; the commissioner of labor and industry; the
 64.20 attorney general; or any duly constituted criminal investigative department or agency of the
 64.21 United States.

64.22 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.952, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

64.23 Subd. 2. **Notice to and cooperation with the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal**
 64.24 **Apprehension.** Any insurer or insurance professional that has reasonable belief
 64.25 that an act of insurance fraud will be, is being, or has been committed, shall furnish and
 64.26 disclose all relevant information to the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal
 64.27 Apprehension or to any authorized person and cooperate fully with any investigation
 64.28 conducted by the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Any person
 64.29 that has a reasonable belief that an act of insurance fraud will be, is being, or has been
 64.30 committed, or any person who collects, reviews, or analyzes information concerning
 64.31 insurance fraud, may furnish and disclose any information in its possession concerning the
 64.32 act to the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, any authorized
 65.1 person, or to an authorized representative of an insurer that requests the information for the
 65.2 purpose of detecting, prosecuting, or preventing insurance fraud. The insurer may also
 65.3 release relevant information to any person authorized to receive the information under
 65.4 section 72A.502, subdivision 2. If disclosure is made to an authorized person other than the

48.4 person other than the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau of Criminal Apprehension~~, a copy of the
 48.5 disclosure must be sent to the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau of Criminal Apprehension~~.

48.6 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.952, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

48.7 **Subd. 4. Tolling of time periods.** If an insurer has a reasonable or probable cause to
 48.8 believe that an insurance fraud has been committed in connection with an insurance claim,
 48.9 and has properly notified the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau of Criminal Apprehension~~ of its
 48.10 suspicions according to subdivision 2, the notification tolls any applicable time period in
 48.11 any unfair claims practices statute or related regulations, or any action on the claim against
 48.12 the insurer to whom the claim had been presented for bad faith, until 30 days after
 48.13 determination by the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau of Criminal Apprehension~~ and notice to the
 48.14 insurer that the ~~division~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension will not recommend action on
 48.15 the claim.

48.16 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.952, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

48.17 **Subd. 5. Reward for information.** The ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau of Criminal~~
 48.18 Apprehension, in cooperation with authorized insurers and insurance professionals, may
 48.19 establish a voluntary fund to reward persons not connected with the insurance industry who
 48.20 provide information or furnish evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of persons
 48.21 responsible for insurance fraud.

48.22 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.954, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

48.23 **Subd. 2. Review.** The commissioner may review each insurer's antifraud plan to determine
 48.24 whether it complies with the requirements of this section. If the commissioner finds that an
 48.25 insurer's antifraud plan does not comply with the requirements of this section, the
 48.26 commissioner shall disapprove the plan and send a notice of disapproval, along with the
 48.27 reasons for disapproval, to the insurer. An insurer whose antifraud plan has been disapproved
 48.28 by the commissioner shall submit a new plan to the commissioner within 60 days after the
 48.29 plan was disapproved. The commissioner may examine an insurer's procedures to determine
 48.30 whether the insurer is complying with its antifraud plan. The commissioner shall withhold
 48.31 from public inspection any part of an insurer's antifraud plan for so long as the commissioner
 48.32 deems the withholding to be in the public interest. The commissioner may share an insurer's
 48.33 complete antifraud plan with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

49.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.956, is amended to read:

49.2 **60A.956 OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.**

49.3 Nothing in sections 60A.951 to 60A.956 preempts the authority of or relieves the duty
 49.4 of any other law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute alleged violations of
 49.5 law, prevents or prohibits a person from voluntarily disclosing any information concerning
 49.6 insurance fraud to any law enforcement agency other than the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau of~~
 49.7 Criminal Apprehension, or limits any of the powers granted elsewhere by the laws of this

65.5 ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, a copy of the disclosure must
 65.6 be sent to the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

65.7 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.952, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

65.8 **Subd. 4. Tolling of time periods.** If an insurer has a reasonable or probable cause to
 65.9 believe that an insurance fraud has been committed in connection with an insurance claim,
 65.10 and has properly notified the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
 65.11 of its suspicions according to subdivision 2, the notification tolls any applicable time period
 65.12 in any unfair claims practices statute or related regulations, or any action on the claim against
 65.13 the insurer to whom the claim had been presented for bad faith, until 30 days after
 65.14 determination by the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and notice
 65.15 to the insurer that the ~~division~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension will not recommend action
 65.16 on the claim.

65.17 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.952, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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 65.19 Apprehension, in cooperation with authorized insurers and insurance professionals, may
 65.20 establish a voluntary fund to reward persons not connected with the insurance industry who
 65.21 provide information or furnish evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of persons
 65.22 responsible for insurance fraud.

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 65.25 whether it complies with the requirements of this section. If the commissioner finds that an
 65.26 insurer's antifraud plan does not comply with the requirements of this section, the
 65.27 commissioner shall disapprove the plan and send a notice of disapproval, along with the
 65.28 reasons for disapproval, to the insurer. An insurer whose antifraud plan has been disapproved
 65.29 by the commissioner shall submit a new plan to the commissioner within 60 days after the
 65.30 plan was disapproved. The commissioner may examine an insurer's procedures to determine
 65.31 whether the insurer is complying with its antifraud plan. The commissioner shall withhold
 65.32 from public inspection any part of an insurer's antifraud plan for so long as the commissioner
 66.1 deems the withholding to be in the public interest. The commissioner may share an insurer's
 66.2 complete antifraud plan with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

66.3 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.956, is amended to read:

66.4 **60A.956 OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.**

66.5 Nothing in sections 60A.951 to 60A.956 preempts the authority of or relieves the duty
 66.6 of any other law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute alleged violations of
 66.7 law, prevents or prohibits a person from voluntarily disclosing any information concerning
 66.8 insurance fraud to any law enforcement agency other than the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~
 66.9 Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, or limits any of the powers granted elsewhere by the

49.8 state to the commissioner of commerce to investigate alleged violations of law and to take
49.9 appropriate action.

49.10 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 65B.84, is amended to read:

49.11 **65B.84 AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

49.12 Subdivision 1. **Program described; commissioner's duties; appropriation.** (a) The
49.13 commissioner of ~~commerce~~ public safety shall:

49.14 (1) develop and sponsor the implementation of statewide plans, programs, and strategies
49.15 to combat automobile theft, improve the administration of the automobile theft laws, and
49.16 provide a forum for identification of critical problems for those persons dealing with
49.17 automobile theft;

49.18 (2) coordinate the development, adoption, and implementation of plans, programs, and
49.19 strategies relating to interagency and intergovernmental cooperation with respect to
49.20 automobile theft enforcement;

49.21 (3) annually audit the plans and programs that have been funded in whole or in part to
49.22 evaluate the effectiveness of the plans and programs and withdraw funding should the
49.23 commissioner determine that a plan or program is ineffective or is no longer in need of
49.24 further financial support from the fund;

49.25 (4) develop a plan of operation including:

49.26 (i) an assessment of the scope of the problem of automobile theft, including areas of the
49.27 state where the problem is greatest;

49.28 (ii) an analysis of various methods of combating the problem of automobile theft;

49.29 (iii) a plan for providing financial support to combat automobile theft;

49.30 (iv) a plan for eliminating car hijacking; and

49.31 (v) an estimate of the funds required to implement the plan; and

50.1 (5) distribute money, in consultation with the commissioner of ~~public safety~~ commerce,
50.2 pursuant to subdivision 3 from the automobile theft prevention special revenue account for
50.3 automobile theft prevention activities, including:

50.4 (i) paying the administrative costs of the program;

50.5 (ii) providing financial support to the State Patrol and local law enforcement agencies
50.6 for automobile theft enforcement teams;

50.7 (iii) providing financial support to state or local law enforcement agencies for programs
50.8 designed to reduce the incidence of automobile theft and for improved equipment and
50.9 techniques for responding to automobile thefts;

66.10 laws of this state to the commissioner of commerce to investigate alleged violations of law
66.11 and to take appropriate action.

66.12 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 65B.84, is amended to read:

66.13 **65B.84 AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

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66.15 commissioner of ~~commerce~~ public safety shall:

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66.17 to combat automobile theft, improve the administration of the automobile theft laws, and
66.18 provide a forum for identification of critical problems for those persons dealing with
66.19 automobile theft;

66.20 (2) coordinate the development, adoption, and implementation of plans, programs, and
66.21 strategies relating to interagency and intergovernmental cooperation with respect to
66.22 automobile theft enforcement;

66.23 (3) annually audit the plans and programs that have been funded in whole or in part to
66.24 evaluate the effectiveness of the plans and programs and withdraw funding should the
66.25 commissioner determine that a plan or program is ineffective or is no longer in need of
66.26 further financial support from the fund;

66.27 (4) develop a plan of operation including:

66.28 (i) an assessment of the scope of the problem of automobile theft, including areas of the
66.29 state where the problem is greatest;

66.30 (ii) an analysis of various methods of combating the problem of automobile theft;

66.31 (iii) a plan for providing financial support to combat automobile theft;

67.1 (iv) a plan for eliminating car hijacking; and

67.2 (v) an estimate of the funds required to implement the plan; and

67.3 (5) distribute money, in consultation with the commissioner of ~~public safety~~ commerce,
67.4 pursuant to subdivision 3 from the automobile theft prevention special revenue account for
67.5 automobile theft prevention activities, including:

67.6 (i) paying the administrative costs of the program;

67.7 (ii) providing financial support to the State Patrol and local law enforcement agencies
67.8 for automobile theft enforcement teams;

67.9 (iii) providing financial support to state or local law enforcement agencies for programs
67.10 designed to reduce the incidence of automobile theft and for improved equipment and
67.11 techniques for responding to automobile thefts;

50.10 (iv) providing financial support to local prosecutors for programs designed to reduce
50.11 the incidence of automobile theft;

50.12 (v) providing financial support to judicial agencies for programs designed to reduce the
50.13 incidence of automobile theft;

50.14 (vi) providing financial support for neighborhood or community organizations or business
50.15 organizations for programs designed to reduce the incidence of automobile theft and to
50.16 educate people about the common methods of automobile theft, the models of automobiles
50.17 most likely to be stolen, and the times and places automobile theft is most likely to occur;
50.18 and

50.19 (vii) providing financial support for automobile theft educational and training programs
50.20 for state and local law enforcement officials, driver and vehicle services exam and inspections
50.21 staff, and members of the judiciary.

50.22 (b) The commissioner may not spend in any fiscal year more than ten percent of the
50.23 money in the fund for the program's administrative and operating costs. The commissioner
50.24 is annually appropriated and must distribute the amount of the proceeds credited to the
50.25 automobile theft prevention special revenue account each year, less the transfer of \$1,300,000
50.26 each year to the insurance fraud prevention account described in section 297I.11, subdivision
50.27 2.

50.28 (c) At the end of each fiscal year, the commissioner may transfer any unobligated balances
50.29 in the auto theft prevention account to the insurance fraud prevention account under section
50.30 45.0135, subdivision 6 299C.061, subdivision 9.

50.31 (d) The commissioner must establish a library of equipment to combat automobile-related
50.32 theft offenses. The equipment must be available to all law enforcement agencies upon
50.33 request to support law enforcement agency efforts to combat automobile theft.

51.1 Subd. 2. **Annual report.** By September 30 each year, the commissioner of public safety
51.2 shall report to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of
51.3 representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over the Departments Department
51.4 of Commerce and Public Safety on the activities and expenditures in the preceding year.

51.5 Subd. 3. **Grant criteria; application.** (a) A county attorney's office, law enforcement
51.6 agency, neighborhood organization, community organization, or business organization may
51.7 apply for a grant under this section. Multiple offices or agencies within a county may apply
51.8 for a grant under this section.

51.9 (b) The commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the commissioner of public
51.10 safety commerce, must develop criteria for the fair distribution of grants from the automobile
51.11 theft prevention account that address the following factors:

51.12 (1) the number of reported automobile thefts per capita in a city, county, or region, not
51.13 merely the total number of automobile thefts;

67.12 (iv) providing financial support to local prosecutors for programs designed to reduce
67.13 the incidence of automobile theft;

67.14 (v) providing financial support to judicial agencies for programs designed to reduce the
67.15 incidence of automobile theft;

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68.14 theft prevention account that address the following factors:

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68.16 merely the total number of automobile thefts;

51.14 (2) the population of the jurisdiction of the applicant office or agency;
51.15 (3) the total funds distributed within a county or region; and
51.16 (4) the statewide interest in automobile theft reduction.
51.17 (c) The commissioner may give priority to:
51.18 (1) offices and agencies engaged in a collaborative effort to reduce automobile theft;
51.19 and
51.20 (2) counties or regions with the greatest rates of automobile theft.
51.21 (d) The minimum amount of a grant award is \$5,000. After considering the automobile
51.22 theft rate and total population of an applicant's jurisdiction, if a grant award, as determined
51.23 under the criteria and priorities in this subdivision, would be less than \$5,000, it must not
51.24 be awarded.

51.25 Subd. 4. **Advisory board; creation; membership.** An Automobile Theft Prevention
51.26 Advisory Board is established to advise the commissioner on the distribution of grants under
51.27 this section. The board must consist of seven members appointed by the commissioner of
51.28 public safety and must include representatives of law enforcement, prosecuting agencies,
51.29 automobile insurers, and the public. The commissioner must annually select a chair from
51.30 among its members.

51.31 Subd. 5. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "automobile theft" includes
51.32 automobile-related theft.

52.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

52.2 Subdivision 1. **Use of data.** (a) Except as provided by this section, data gathered from
52.3 any person under the administration of the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Law are
52.4 private data on individuals or nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02,
52.5 subdivisions 9 and 12, and may not be disclosed except according to a district court order
52.6 or section 13.05. A subpoena is not considered a district court order. These data may be
52.7 disseminated to and used by the following agencies without the consent of the subject of
52.8 the data:

52.9 (1) state and federal agencies specifically authorized access to the data by state or federal
52.10 law;

52.11 (2) any agency of any other state or any federal agency charged with the administration
52.12 of an unemployment insurance program;

52.13 (3) any agency responsible for the maintenance of a system of public employment offices
52.14 for the purpose of assisting individuals in obtaining employment;

52.15 (4) the public authority responsible for child support in Minnesota or any other state in
52.16 accordance with section 518A.83;

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69.12 the data:

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69.14 law;

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69.16 of an unemployment insurance program;

69.17 (3) any agency responsible for the maintenance of a system of public employment offices
69.18 for the purpose of assisting individuals in obtaining employment;

69.19 (4) the public authority responsible for child support in Minnesota or any other state in
69.20 accordance with section 518A.83;

52.17 (5) human rights agencies within Minnesota that have enforcement powers;

52.18 (6) the Department of Revenue to the extent necessary for its duties under Minnesota laws;

52.19 (7) public and private agencies responsible for administering publicly financed assistance programs for the purpose of monitoring the eligibility of the program's recipients;

52.20 (8) the Department of Labor and Industry ~~and the Commerce Fraud Bureau in, the Department of Commerce, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension~~ for uses consistent with the administration of their duties under Minnesota law;

52.21 (9) the Department of Human Services and the Office of Inspector General and its agents within the Department of Human Services, including county fraud investigators, for investigations related to recipient or provider fraud and employees of providers when the provider is suspected of committing public assistance fraud;

52.22 (10) the Department of Human Services for the purpose of evaluating medical assistance services and supporting program improvement;

52.23 (11) local and state welfare agencies for monitoring the eligibility of the data subject for assistance programs, or for any employment or training program administered by those agencies, whether alone, in combination with another welfare agency, or in conjunction with the department or to monitor and evaluate the statewide Minnesota family investment program and other cash assistance programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training program by providing data on recipients and former recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, cash assistance under chapter 256, 256D, 256J, or 256K, child care assistance under chapter 142E, or medical programs under chapter 256B or 256L or formerly codified under chapter 256D;

53.9 (12) local and state welfare agencies for the purpose of identifying employment, wages, and other information to assist in the collection of an overpayment debt in an assistance program;

53.10 (13) local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ascertaining the last known address and employment location of an individual who is the subject of a criminal investigation;

53.11 (14) the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement has access to data on specific individuals and specific employers provided the specific individual or specific employer is the subject of an investigation by that agency;

53.12 (15) the Department of Health for the purposes of epidemiologic investigations;

53.13 (16) the Department of Corrections for the purposes of case planning and internal research for preprobation, probation, and postprobation employment tracking of offenders sentenced

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69.22 (6) the Department of Revenue to the extent necessary for its duties under Minnesota laws;

69.23 (7) public and private agencies responsible for administering publicly financed assistance programs for the purpose of monitoring the eligibility of the program's recipients;

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69.25 (9) the Department of Human Services and the Office of Inspector General and its agents within the Department of Human Services, including county fraud investigators, for investigations related to recipient or provider fraud and employees of providers when the provider is suspected of committing public assistance fraud;

70.1 (10) the Department of Human Services for the purpose of evaluating medical assistance services and supporting program improvement;

70.2 (11) local and state welfare agencies for monitoring the eligibility of the data subject for assistance programs, or for any employment or training program administered by those agencies, whether alone, in combination with another welfare agency, or in conjunction with the department or to monitor and evaluate the statewide Minnesota family investment program and other cash assistance programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training program by providing data on recipients and former recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, cash assistance under chapter 256, 256D, 256J, or 256K, child care assistance under chapter 142E, or medical programs under chapter 256B or 256L or formerly codified under chapter 256D;

70.3 (12) local and state welfare agencies for the purpose of identifying employment, wages, and other information to assist in the collection of an overpayment debt in an assistance program;

70.4 (13) local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ascertaining the last known address and employment location of an individual who is the subject of a criminal investigation;

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70.6 (15) the Department of Health for the purposes of epidemiologic investigations;

70.7 (16) the Department of Corrections for the purposes of case planning and internal research for preprobation, probation, and postprobation employment tracking of offenders sentenced

53.21 to probation and preconfinement and postconfinement employment tracking of committed
53.22 offenders;

53.23 (17) the state auditor to the extent necessary to conduct audits of job opportunity building
53.24 zones as required under section 469.3201;

53.25 (18) the Office of Higher Education for purposes of supporting program improvement,
53.26 system evaluation, and research initiatives including the Statewide Longitudinal Education
53.27 Data System; and

53.28 (19) the Family and Medical Benefits Division of the Department of Employment and
53.29 Economic Development to be used as necessary to administer chapter 268B.

53.30 (b) Data on individuals and employers that are collected, maintained, or used by the
53.31 department in an investigation under section 268.182 are confidential as to data on individuals
53.32 and protected nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivisions 3
54.1 and 13, and must not be disclosed except under statute or district court order or to a party
54.2 named in a criminal proceeding, administrative or judicial, for preparation of a defense.

54.3 (c) Data gathered by the department in the administration of the Minnesota unemployment
54.4 insurance program must not be made the subject or the basis for any suit in any civil
54.5 proceedings, administrative or judicial, unless the action is initiated by the department.

54.6 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268B.30, is amended to read:

54.7 **268B.30 DATA PRIVACY.**

54.8 (a) Except as provided by this section, data collected, created, or maintained under this
54.9 chapter are private data on individuals or nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in
54.10 section 13.02, subdivisions 9 and 12, and must not be disclosed except according to a district
54.11 court order or section 13.05. A subpoena is not considered a district court order.

54.12 (b) Data classified under paragraph (a) may be disseminated to and used by the following
54.13 without the consent of the subject of the data:

54.14 (1) state and federal agencies specifically authorized access to the data by state or federal
54.15 law;

54.16 (2) the unemployment insurance division, to the extent necessary to administer the
54.17 programs established under this chapter and chapter 268;

54.18 (3) employers, to the extent necessary to support adjudication of application requests
54.19 and to support the employer's administration of a leave of absence;

54.20 (4) health care providers, to the extent necessary to support verification of health care
54.21 conditions and qualifying events;

54.22 (5) the public authority responsible for child support in Minnesota or any other state in
54.23 accordance with section 518A.83;

70.25 to probation and preconfinement and postconfinement employment tracking of committed
70.26 offenders;

70.27 (17) the state auditor to the extent necessary to conduct audits of job opportunity building
70.28 zones as required under section 469.3201;

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70.30 system evaluation, and research initiatives including the Statewide Longitudinal Education
70.31 Data System; and

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70.33 Economic Development to be used as necessary to administer chapter 268B.

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71.2 department in an investigation under section 268.182 are confidential as to data on individuals
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71.7 insurance program must not be made the subject or the basis for any suit in any civil
71.8 proceedings, administrative or judicial, unless the action is initiated by the department.

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71.13 section 13.02, subdivisions 9 and 12, and must not be disclosed except according to a district
71.14 court order or section 13.05. A subpoena is not considered a district court order.

71.15 (b) Data classified under paragraph (a) may be disseminated to and used by the following
71.16 without the consent of the subject of the data:

71.17 (1) state and federal agencies specifically authorized access to the data by state or federal
71.18 law;

71.19 (2) the unemployment insurance division, to the extent necessary to administer the
71.20 programs established under this chapter and chapter 268;

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71.22 and to support the employer's administration of a leave of absence;

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71.24 conditions and qualifying events;

71.25 (5) the public authority responsible for child support in Minnesota or any other state in
71.26 accordance with section 518A.83;

54.24 (6) human rights agencies within Minnesota that have enforcement powers;

54.25 (7) the Department of Revenue, to the extent necessary for its duties under Minnesota laws;

54.26 (8) public and private agencies responsible for administering publicly financed assistance programs for the purpose of monitoring the eligibility of the program's recipients;

54.27 (9) the Department of Labor and Industry ~~and the Commerce Fraud Bureau in, the Department of Commerce, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension~~ for uses consistent with the administration of their duties under Minnesota law;

55.1 (10) the Department of Human Services and the Office of Inspector General and its agents within the Department of Human Services, including county fraud investigators, for investigations related to recipient or provider fraud and employees of providers when the provider is suspected of committing public assistance fraud;

55.2 (11) the Department of Public Safety for support in identity verification;

55.3 (12) local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ascertaining the last known address and employment location of an individual who is the subject of a criminal investigation;

55.4 (13) the Department of Health for the purposes of epidemiologic investigations;

55.5 (14) the Department of Corrections for the purposes of tracking incarceration of applicants; and

55.6 (15) contracted third parties, to the extent necessary to aid in identity verification, adjudication, administration, and evaluation of the program.

55.7 (c) Data on individuals and employers that are collected, maintained, or used by the department in an investigation under section 268B.19, 268B.21, 268B.22, or 268B.23 are confidential as to data on individuals and protected nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivisions 3 and 13, and must not be disclosed except under statute or district court order or to a party named in a criminal proceeding, administrative or judicial, for preparation of a defense.

55.8 (d) Data gathered by the department in the administration of this chapter must not be made the subject or the basis for any suit in any civil proceedings, administrative or judicial, unless the action is initiated by the department.

55.9 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297I.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

55.10 **Subd. 2. Automobile theft prevention account.** A special revenue account in the state treasury shall be credited with the proceeds of the surcharge imposed under subdivision 1.

55.11 Of the revenue in the account, \$1,300,000 each year must be transferred to the insurance fraud prevention account under section 45.0135, subdivision 6 299C.061, subdivision 9.

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55.28 Revenues in excess of \$1,300,000 each year may be used only for the automobile theft
 55.29 prevention program described in section 65B.84.

56.1 **Sec. 19. [299C.061] FINANCIAL CRIMES AND FRAUD SECTION.**

56.2 **Subdivision 1. Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
 56.3 the meanings given.

56.4 (b) "Fraud involving state funded or administered programs or services" includes any
 56.5 violation of section 609.445, 609.465, 609.466, 609.52, 609.5523, 609.611, 609.651,
 56.6 609.7475, or 609.821 involving a state agency or state funded or administered program or
 56.7 service.

56.8 (c) "Peace officer" has the meaning given in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph
 56.9 (c).

56.12 (f) "Section" means the Financial Crimes and Fraud Section of the Bureau of Criminal
 56.13 Apprehension.

56.10 (d) "State agency" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 17.

56.11 (e) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

56.14 **Subd. 2. Financial Crimes and Fraud Section.** The superintendent shall operate the
 56.15 Financial Crimes and Fraud Section within the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct
 56.16 investigations into insurance fraud, financial crimes, wage theft, and fraud involving state
 56.17 funded or administered programs or services. The Section shall be partially or fully comprised
 56.18 of licensed peace officers. Members of this section have the full authorities specified in
 56.19 chapter 299C and are not limited to the duties enumerated in this section.

56.20 **Subd. 3. Duties.** The Financial Crimes and Fraud Section shall:

56.21 (1) review notices and reports of insurance fraud and related crimes submitted by
 56.22 authorized insurers, their employees, and agents or producers pursuant to sections 60A.951
 56.23 to 60A.956;

56.24 (2) initiate inquiries and conduct investigations when the Section has reason to believe
 56.25 that any of the following offenses have been or are being committed:

56.26 (i) fraud involving state funded or administered programs or services in subdivision 1,
 56.27 paragraph (b);

56.28 (ii) insurance fraud and related crimes, as defined in sections 60A.951, subdivision 4,
 56.29 and 609.611 and support of those activities;

56.30 (iii) wage theft and related crimes; and

56.31 (iv) any other financial crimes; and

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 73.11 Apprehension.

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 73.28 paragraph (b);

73.29 (ii) insurance fraud and related crimes, as defined in sections 60A.951, subdivision 4,
 73.30 and 609.611, and support of those activities;

73.31 (iii) wage theft and related crimes; and

73.32 (iv) any other financial crimes; and

57.1 (3) operate the automobile theft prevention program under section 65B.84.

57.2 **Subd. 4. Mandatory referral; duty to investigate.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs
 57.3 (b) and (d), a state agency shall refer all suspected fraudulent activity under the provisions
 57.4 in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), equaling \$100,000 or more, to the Section for evaluation
 57.5 and investigation or appropriate referral. Upon receipt of the referral, the Section shall
 57.6 review and, where appropriate, conduct criminal investigations into the allegations. The
 57.7 Section has sole discretion as to which allegations are investigated further, referred back to
 57.8 the reporting agency for appropriate regulatory investigation, or referred to another law
 57.9 enforcement agency with appropriate jurisdiction.

57.10 (b) When acting in a civil or criminal law enforcement capacity and permitted by
 57.11 applicable law or order, the attorney general may, in the attorney general's discretion, refer
 57.12 suspected fraudulent activity under the provisions in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), to the
 57.13 Section for evaluation and investigation or appropriate referral in accordance with paragraph
 57.14 (a).

57.15 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), this section has no effect on the authority of the
 57.16 attorney general to investigate and enforce violations or suspected violations of Minnesota
 57.17 civil or criminal law.

57.18 (d) Referral to the Section under this subdivision is not required when a state agency is
 57.19 required to refer the fraudulent activity to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in
 57.20 accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.21(A)(1)(a), and section
 57.21 256B.04, subdivision 10.

57.22 **Subd. 5. Discretionary referral.** (a) A state agency may refer suspected fraud involving
 57.23 state funded or administered programs or services equaling less than \$100,000 to the Section
 57.24 for investigation. Upon referral, the Section shall:

57.25 (1) accept the referral and, where appropriate, conduct criminal investigations into the
 57.26 allegations and make appropriate referrals for criminal prosecution; or

57.27 (2) redirect the referral to another appropriate law enforcement agency or civil
 57.28 investigative authority, offering assistance where appropriate.

57.29 **Subd. 6. Data sharing authorized.** Notwithstanding chapter 13 or any other statute
 57.30 related to the classification of government data to the contrary, state agencies making a
 57.31 referral under subdivision 4 or 5 shall provide data related to the suspected fraudulent activity
 57.32 to the Section, including data classified as not public. The Section may share active criminal
 57.33 investigative data concerning insurance fraud with the Department of Commerce.

58.1 **Subd. 7. State agency reporting.** By January 15 of each year, each state agency must
 58.2 report all suspected fraud incurred by the agency that involves state funded or administered
 58.3 programs or services equaling \$10,000 or more to the Section to be summarized in the report

74.2 (3) operate the automobile theft prevention program under section 65B.84.

74.3 **Subd. 4. Mandatory referral; duty to investigate.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs
 74.4 (b) and (d), a state agency shall refer all suspected fraudulent activity under the provisions
 74.5 in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), equaling \$100,000 or more to the Section for evaluation
 74.6 and investigation or appropriate referral. Upon receipt of the referral, the Section shall
 74.7 review and, where appropriate, conduct criminal investigations into the allegations. The
 74.8 Section has sole discretion as to which allegations are investigated further, referred back to
 74.9 the reporting agency for appropriate regulatory investigation, or referred to another law
 74.10 enforcement agency with appropriate jurisdiction.

74.11 (b) When acting in a civil or criminal law enforcement capacity and permitted by
 74.12 applicable law or order, the attorney general may, in the attorney general's discretion, refer
 74.13 suspected fraudulent activity under the provisions in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), to the
 74.14 Section for evaluation and investigation or appropriate referral in accordance with paragraph
 74.15 (a).

74.16 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), this section has no effect on the authority of the
 74.17 attorney general to investigate and enforce violations or suspected violations of Minnesota
 74.18 civil or criminal law.

74.19 (d) Referral to the Section under this subdivision is not required when a state agency is
 74.20 required to refer the fraudulent activity to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in
 74.21 accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.21(A)(1)(a), and section
 74.22 256B.04, subdivision 10.

74.23 **Subd. 5. Discretionary referral.** A state agency may refer suspected fraud involving
 74.24 state funded or administered programs or services equaling less than \$100,000 to the Section
 74.25 for investigation. Upon referral, the Section shall:

74.26 (1) accept the referral and, where appropriate, conduct criminal investigations into the
 74.27 allegations and make appropriate referrals for criminal prosecution; or

74.28 (2) redirect the referral to another appropriate law enforcement agency or civil
 74.29 investigative authority, offering assistance where appropriate.

74.30 **Subd. 6. Data sharing authorized.** Notwithstanding chapter 13 or any other statute
 74.31 related to the classification of government data to the contrary, state agencies making a
 74.32 referral under subdivision 4 or 5 shall provide data related to the suspected fraudulent activity
 75.1 to the Section, including data classified as not public. The Section may share active criminal
 75.2 investigative data concerning insurance fraud with the Department of Commerce.

75.3 **Subd. 7. State agency reporting.** By January 15 of each year, each state agency must
 75.4 report all suspected fraud incurred by the agency that involves state funded or administered
 75.5 programs or services equaling \$10,000 or more to the Section to be summarized in the report

58.4 under subdivision 8. This subdivision does not apply to information obtained by the attorney
 58.5 general when acting in a civil or criminal law enforcement capacity.

58.6 Subd. 8. Annual report. (a) By February 1 of each year, the superintendent shall report
 58.7 to the commissioner, the governor, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the
 58.8 legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety policy and finance, and commerce
 58.9 consumer protection policy and finance, the following information pertaining to the Section
 58.10 since the previous report:

58.11 (1) the number of investigations initiated;
 58.12 (2) the number of allegations investigated;
 58.13 (3) the outcomes or current status of each investigation;
 58.14 (4) the charging decisions made by the prosecuting authority of incidents investigated
 58.15 by the Section;
 58.16 (5) the number of plea agreements reached in incidents investigated by the Section;
 58.17 (6) the number of reports received under subdivision 7;
 58.18 (7) the number of state agency referrals to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit reported
 58.19 to the superintendent under paragraph (b); and
 58.20 (8) any other information relevant to the Section's responsibilities.

58.21 (b) No later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, each state agency that is required
 58.22 to make referrals to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in accordance with Code of
 58.23 Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.21(A)(1)(a), and section 256B.04, subdivision 10,
 58.24 shall report the following information to the superintendent for the two previous calendar
 58.25 years:

58.26 (1) the number of cases referred to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit;
 58.27 (2) the number of referrals accepted by the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; and
 58.28 (3) the number of referrals declined by the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

58.29 Subd. 9. Funding allocation. One hundred percent of the funding allocated to the Bureau
 58.30 of Criminal Apprehension for the assessment in subdivision 10 may only be used for the
 59.1 investigation of insurance fraud and related crimes, as defined in sections 60A.951,
 59.2 subdivision 4, and 609.611, and support of those activities.

59.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** (a) Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 6, and 9 are effective July 1, 2025.
 59.4 (b) Subdivisions 4, 5, 7, and 8 are effective January 1, 2026.

59.5 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299C.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
 59.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

75.6 under subdivision 8. This subdivision does not apply to information obtained by the attorney
 75.7 general when acting in a civil or criminal law enforcement capacity.

75.8 Subd. 8. Annual report. (a) By February 1 of each year, the superintendent shall report
 75.9 to the commissioner, the governor, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the
 75.10 legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety policy and finance, and commerce
 75.11 consumer protection policy and finance, the following information pertaining to the Section
 75.12 since the previous report:

75.13 (1) the number of investigations initiated;
 75.14 (2) the number of allegations investigated;
 75.15 (3) the outcomes or current status of each investigation;
 75.16 (4) the charging decisions made by the prosecuting authority of incidents investigated
 75.17 by the Section;
 75.18 (5) the number of plea agreements reached in incidents investigated by the Section;
 75.19 (6) the number of reports received under subdivision 7;
 75.20 (7) the number of state agency referrals to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit reported
 75.21 to the superintendent under paragraph (b); and
 75.22 (8) any other information relevant to the Section's responsibilities.

75.23 (b) No later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, each state agency that is required
 75.24 to make referrals to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in accordance with Code of
 75.25 Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.21(A)(1)(a), and section 256B.04, subdivision 10,
 75.26 shall report the following information to the superintendent for the two previous calendar
 75.27 years:

75.28 (1) the number of cases referred to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit;
 75.29 (2) the number of referrals accepted by the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; and
 75.30 (3) the number of referrals declined by the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

76.1 Subd. 9. Funding allocation. One hundred percent of the funding allocated to the Bureau
 76.2 of Criminal Apprehension for the assessment in subdivision 10 may only be used for the
 76.3 investigation of insurance fraud and related crimes, as defined in sections 60A.951,
 76.4 subdivision 4, and 609.611, and support of those activities.

76.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** (a) Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 6, and 9 are effective July 1, 2025.
 76.6 (b) Subdivisions 4, 5, 7, and 8 are effective January 1, 2026.

76.7 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299C.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
 76.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

59.7 (b) "CIBRS" means the Comprehensive Incident-Based Reporting System, located in
 59.8 the Department of Public Safety and managed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. A
 59.9 reference in this section to "CIBRS" includes the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

59.10 (c) "Law enforcement agency" means a Minnesota municipal police department, the
 59.11 Metropolitan Transit Police, the Metropolitan Airports Police, the University of Minnesota
 59.12 Police Department, the Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit, a Minnesota
 59.13 county sheriff's department, the Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural
 59.14 Resources, ~~the Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, or the
 59.15 Minnesota State Patrol.

59.16 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.531, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

59.17 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purpose of sections 609.531 to 609.5318, the
 59.18 following terms have the meanings given ~~them~~.

59.19 (a) "Conveyance device" means a device used for transportation and includes, but is not
 59.20 limited to, a motor vehicle, trailer, snowmobile, airplane, and vessel and any equipment
 59.21 attached to it. The term "conveyance device" does not include property which is, in fact,
 59.22 itself stolen or taken in violation of the law.

59.23 (b) "Weapon used" means a dangerous weapon as defined under section 609.02,
 59.24 subdivision 6, that the actor used or had in possession in furtherance of a crime.

59.25 (c) "Property" means property as defined in section 609.52, subdivision 1, clause (1).

59.26 (d) "Contraband" means property which is illegal to possess under Minnesota law.

59.27 (e) "Appropriate agency" means the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, ~~the Department~~
 59.28 ~~of Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, the Minnesota Division of Driver and Vehicle Services, the
 59.29 Minnesota State Patrol, a county sheriff's department, the Three Rivers Park District
 59.30 Department of Public Safety, the Department of Natural Resources Division of Enforcement,
 59.31 the University of Minnesota Police Department, the Department of Corrections Fugitive
 60.1 Apprehension Unit, a city, metropolitan transit, or airport police department; or a
 60.2 multijurisdictional entity established under section 299A.642 or 299A.681.

60.3 (f) "Designated offense" includes:

60.4 (1) for weapons used: any violation of this chapter, chapter 152 or 624;

60.5 (2) for driver's license or identification card transactions: any violation of section 171.22;
 60.6 and

60.7 (3) for all other purposes: a felony violation of, or a felony-level attempt or conspiracy
 60.8 to violate, section 325E.17; 325E.18; 609.185; 609.19; 609.195; 609.2112; 609.2113;
 60.9 609.2114; 609.221; 609.222; 609.223; 609.2231; 609.2335; 609.24; 609.245; 609.247;
 60.10 609.25; 609.255; 609.282; 609.283; 609.322; 609.342, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a,
 60.11 clauses (a) to (f) and (i); 609.343, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (f) and (i);

76.9 (b) "CIBRS" means the Comprehensive Incident-Based Reporting System, located in
 76.10 the Department of Public Safety and managed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. A
 76.11 reference in this section to "CIBRS" includes the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

76.12 (c) "Law enforcement agency" means a Minnesota municipal police department, the
 76.13 Metropolitan Transit Police, the Metropolitan Airports Police, the University of Minnesota
 76.14 Police Department, the Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit, a Minnesota
 76.15 county sheriff's department, the Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural
 76.16 Resources, ~~the Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, or the
 76.17 Minnesota State Patrol.

76.18 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.531, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

76.19 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purpose of sections 609.531 to 609.5318, the
 76.20 following terms have the meanings given ~~them~~.

76.21 (a) "Conveyance device" means a device used for transportation and includes, but is not
 76.22 limited to, a motor vehicle, trailer, snowmobile, airplane, and vessel and any equipment
 76.23 attached to it. The term "conveyance device" does not include property which is, in fact,
 76.24 itself stolen or taken in violation of the law.

76.25 (b) "Weapon used" means a dangerous weapon as defined under section 609.02,
 76.26 subdivision 6, that the actor used or had in possession in furtherance of a crime.

76.27 (c) "Property" means property as defined in section 609.52, subdivision 1, clause (1).

76.28 (d) "Contraband" means property which is illegal to possess under Minnesota law.

76.29 (e) "Appropriate agency" means the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, ~~the Department~~
 76.30 ~~of Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, the Minnesota Division of Driver and Vehicle Services, the
 76.31 Minnesota State Patrol, a county sheriff's department, the Three Rivers Park District
 77.1 Department of Public Safety, the Department of Natural Resources Division of Enforcement,
 77.2 the University of Minnesota Police Department, the Department of Corrections Fugitive
 77.3 Apprehension Unit, a city, metropolitan transit, or airport police department; or a
 77.4 multijurisdictional entity established under section 299A.642 or 299A.681.

77.5 (f) "Designated offense" includes:

77.6 (1) for weapons used: any violation of this chapter, chapter 152 or 624;

77.7 (2) for driver's license or identification card transactions: any violation of section 171.22;
 77.8 and

77.9 (3) for all other purposes: a felony violation of, or a felony-level attempt or conspiracy
 77.10 to violate, section 325E.17; 325E.18; 609.185; 609.19; 609.195; 609.2112; 609.2113;
 77.11 609.2114; 609.221; 609.222; 609.223; 609.2231; 609.2335; 609.24; 609.245; 609.247;
 77.12 609.25; 609.255; 609.282; 609.283; 609.322; 609.342, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a,
 77.13 clauses (a) to (f) and (i); 609.343, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (f) and (i);

60.12 609.344, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (e), (h), or (i); 609.345, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (e), (h), and (i); 609.352; 609.42; 609.425; 609.466; 609.485; 609.487; 609.52; 609.525; 609.527; 609.528; 609.53; 609.54; 609.551; 609.561; 609.562; 609.563; 609.582; 609.59; 609.595; 609.611; 609.631; 609.66, subdivision 1e; 609.671, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 8, and 12; 609.687; 609.821; 609.825; 609.86; 609.88; 609.89; 609.893; 609.895; 617.246; 617.247; or a gross misdemeanor or felony violation of section 609.891 or 624.7181; or any violation of section 609.324; or a felony violation of, or a felony-level attempt or conspiracy to violate, Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.21.

60.20 (g) "Controlled substance" has the meaning given in section 152.01, subdivision 4.

60.21 (h) "Prosecuting authority" means the attorney who is responsible for prosecuting an offense that is the basis for a forfeiture under sections 609.531 to 609.5318.

60.23 (i) "Asserting person" means a person, other than the driver alleged to have used a vehicle in the transportation or exchange of a controlled substance intended for distribution or sale, claiming an ownership interest in a vehicle that has been seized or restrained under this section.

60.27 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

60.28 Subd. 2. **Peace officer.** The term "peace officer," as used in sections 626.04 to 626.17, means a person who is licensed as a peace officer in accordance with section 626.84, subdivision 1, and who serves as a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, conservation officer, agent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, agent of the Division of Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement, ~~peace officer of the Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, University of Minnesota peace officer, Metropolitan Transit police officer, Minnesota Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit member, State Patrol trooper as authorized by section 299D.03, or railroad peace officer as authorized by section 219.995 and United States Code, title 49, section 28101.

61.4 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.84, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

61.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of sections 626.84 to 626.863, the following terms have the meanings given ~~them~~:

61.7 (a) "Board" means the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training.

61.8 (b) "Director" means the executive director of the board.

61.9 (c) "Peace officer" means:

61.10 (1) an employee or an elected or appointed official of a political subdivision or law enforcement agency who is licensed by the board, charged with the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state and who has the full power of arrest, and shall also include the Minnesota State Patrol, agents of the Division of Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement, state conservation officers, Metropolitan Transit police officers, Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit officers, ~~Department of~~

77.14 609.344, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (e), (h), or (i); 609.345, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (e), (h), and (i); 609.352; 609.42; 609.425; 609.466; 609.485; 609.487; 609.52; 609.525; 609.527; 609.528; 609.53; 609.54; 609.551; 609.561; 609.562; 609.563; 609.582; 609.59; 609.595; 609.611; 609.631; 609.66, subdivision 1e; 609.671, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 8, and 12; 609.687; 609.821; 609.825; 609.86; 609.88; 609.89; 609.893; 609.895; 617.246; 617.247; or a gross misdemeanor or felony violation of section 609.891 or 624.7181; or any violation of section 609.324; or a felony violation of, or a felony-level attempt or conspiracy to violate, Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.21.

77.22 (g) "Controlled substance" has the meaning given in section 152.01, subdivision 4.

77.23 (h) "Prosecuting authority" means the attorney who is responsible for prosecuting an offense that is the basis for a forfeiture under sections 609.531 to 609.5318.

77.25 (i) "Asserting person" means a person, other than the driver alleged to have used a vehicle in the transportation or exchange of a controlled substance intended for distribution or sale, claiming an ownership interest in a vehicle that has been seized or restrained under this section.

77.29 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

77.30 Subd. 2. **Peace officer.** The term "peace officer," as used in sections 626.04 to 626.17, means a person who is licensed as a peace officer in accordance with section 626.84, subdivision 1, and who serves as a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, conservation officer, agent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, agent of the Division of Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement, ~~peace officer of the Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, University of Minnesota peace officer, Metropolitan Transit police officer, Minnesota Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit member, State Patrol trooper as authorized by section 299D.03, or railroad peace officer as authorized by section 219.995 and United States Code, title 49, section 28101.

78.6 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.84, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

78.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of sections 626.84 to 626.863, the following terms have the meanings given ~~them~~:

78.9 (a) "Board" means the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training.

78.10 (b) "Director" means the executive director of the board.

78.11 (c) "Peace officer" means:

78.12 (1) an employee or an elected or appointed official of a political subdivision or law enforcement agency who is licensed by the board, charged with the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state and who has the full power of arrest, and shall also include the Minnesota State Patrol, agents of the Division of Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement, state conservation officers, Metropolitan Transit police officers, Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit officers, ~~Department of~~

61.16 **Commerce Fraud Bureau Unit officers**, the statewide coordinator of the Violent Crime
 61.17 Coordinating Council, and railroad peace officers as authorized by section 219.995 and
 61.18 United States Code, title 49, section 28101; and

61.19 (2) a peace officer who is employed by a law enforcement agency of a federally
 61.20 recognized tribe, as defined in United States Code, title 25, section 450b(e), and who is
 61.21 licensed by the board.

61.22 (d) "Part-time peace officer" means an individual licensed by the board whose services
 61.23 are utilized by law enforcement agencies no more than an average of 20 hours per week,
 61.24 not including time spent on call when no call to active duty is received, calculated on an
 61.25 annual basis, who has either full powers of arrest or authorization to carry a firearm while
 61.26 on active duty. The term shall apply even though the individual receives no compensation
 61.27 for time spent on active duty, and shall apply irrespective of the title conferred upon the
 61.28 individual by any law enforcement agency.

61.29 (e) "Reserve officer" means an individual whose services are utilized by a law
 61.30 enforcement agency to provide supplementary assistance at special events, traffic or crowd
 61.31 control, and administrative or clerical assistance, and shall include reserve deputies, special
 61.32 deputies, mounted or unmounted patrols, and all other employees or volunteers performing
 61.33 reserve officer functions. A reserve officer's duties do not include enforcement of the general
 62.1 criminal laws of the state, and the officer does not have full powers of arrest or authorization
 62.2 to carry a firearm on duty.

62.3 (f) "Law enforcement agency" means:

62.4 (1) a unit of state or local government that is authorized by law to grant full powers of
 62.5 arrest and to charge a person with the duties of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing
 62.6 the general criminal laws of the state;

62.7 (2) subject to the limitations in section 626.93, a law enforcement agency of a federally
 62.8 recognized tribe, as defined in United States Code, title 25, section 450b(e); and

62.9 (3) subject to the limitation of section 219.995, a railroad company.

62.10 (g) "Professional peace officer education" means a postsecondary degree program, or a
 62.11 nondegree program for persons who already have a college degree, that is offered by a
 62.12 college or university in Minnesota, designed for persons seeking licensure as a peace officer,
 62.13 and approved by the board.

62.14 (h) "Railroad peace officer" means an individual as authorized under United States Code,
 62.15 title 49, section 28101:

62.16 (1) employed by a railroad for the purpose of aiding and supplementing law enforcement
 62.17 agencies in the protection of property owned by or in the care, custody, or control of a
 62.18 railroad and to protect the persons and property of railroad passengers and employees; and

62.19 (2) licensed by the board.

78.18 **Commerce Fraud Bureau Unit officers**, the statewide coordinator of the Violent Crime
 78.19 Coordinating Council, and railroad peace officers as authorized by section 219.995 and
 78.20 United States Code, title 49, section 28101; and

78.21 (2) a peace officer who is employed by a law enforcement agency of a federally
 78.22 recognized tribe, as defined in United States Code, title 25, section 450b(e), and who is
 78.23 licensed by the board.

78.24 (d) "Part-time peace officer" means an individual licensed by the board whose services
 78.25 are utilized by law enforcement agencies no more than an average of 20 hours per week,
 78.26 not including time spent on call when no call to active duty is received, calculated on an
 78.27 annual basis, who has either full powers of arrest or authorization to carry a firearm while
 78.28 on active duty. The term shall apply even though the individual receives no compensation
 78.29 for time spent on active duty, and shall apply irrespective of the title conferred upon the
 78.30 individual by any law enforcement agency.

78.31 (e) "Reserve officer" means an individual whose services are utilized by a law
 78.32 enforcement agency to provide supplementary assistance at special events, traffic or crowd
 78.33 control, and administrative or clerical assistance, and shall include reserve deputies, special
 79.1 deputies, mounted or unmounted patrols, and all other employees or volunteers performing
 79.2 reserve officer functions. A reserve officer's duties do not include enforcement of the general
 79.3 criminal laws of the state, and the officer does not have full powers of arrest or authorization
 79.4 to carry a firearm on duty.

79.5 (f) "Law enforcement agency" means:

79.6 (1) a unit of state or local government that is authorized by law to grant full powers of
 79.7 arrest and to charge a person with the duties of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing
 79.8 the general criminal laws of the state;

79.9 (2) subject to the limitations in section 626.93, a law enforcement agency of a federally
 79.10 recognized tribe, as defined in United States Code, title 25, section 450b(e); and

79.11 (3) subject to the limitation of section 219.995, a railroad company.

79.12 (g) "Professional peace officer education" means a postsecondary degree program, or a
 79.13 nondegree program for persons who already have a college degree, that is offered by a
 79.14 college or university in Minnesota, designed for persons seeking licensure as a peace officer,
 79.15 and approved by the board.

79.16 (h) "Railroad peace officer" means an individual as authorized under United States Code,
 79.17 title 49, section 28101:

79.18 (1) employed by a railroad for the purpose of aiding and supplementing law enforcement
 79.19 agencies in the protection of property owned by or in the care, custody, or control of a
 79.20 railroad and to protect the persons and property of railroad passengers and employees; and

79.21 (2) licensed by the board.

62.20 **Sec. 24. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

62.21 The revisor of statutes shall renumber the subdivisions in column A with the number
62.22 listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary cross-reference changes in
62.23 Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules consistent with the renumbering.

	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
62.24	<u>45.0135, subdivision 6</u>	<u>299C.061, subdivision 9</u>
62.25	<u>45.0135, subdivision 7</u>	<u>299C.061, subdivision 10</u>
62.26	<u>45.0135, subdivision 8</u>	<u>299C.061, subdivision 11</u>
62.27	<u>45.0135, subdivision 9</u>	<u>299C.061, subdivision 12</u>
62.28	<u>299C.061, subdivision 9</u>	<u>299C.061, subdivision 13</u>

63.1 **Sec. 25. REPEALER.**

63.2 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 45.0135, subdivisions 2a, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 3, 4, and 5;
63.3 and 325E.21, subdivision 2b, are repealed.

79.22 **Sec. 24. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

79.23 The revisor of statutes shall renumber the subdivisions in column A with the number
79.24 listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary cross-reference changes in
79.25 Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules consistent with the renumbering.

	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
79.26	<u>45.0135, subdivision 6</u>	<u>299C.061, subdivision 9</u>
79.27	<u>45.0135, subdivision 7</u>	<u>299C.061, subdivision 10</u>
79.28	<u>45.0135, subdivision 8</u>	<u>299C.061, subdivision 11</u>
79.29	<u>45.0135, subdivision 9</u>	<u>299C.061, subdivision 12</u>
79.30	<u>299C.061, subdivision 9</u>	<u>299C.061, subdivision 13</u>

80.1 **Sec. 25. REPEALER.**

80.2 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 45.0135, subdivisions 2a, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 3, 4, and 5;
80.3 and 325E.21, subdivision 2b, are repealed.