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ARTICLE 7

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CRIME VICTIMS PROVISIONS

116.14 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.101, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

116.15 Subd. 2. **Minimum fines.** Notwithstanding any other law, when a court sentences a
116.16 person convicted of violating section 609.221, 609.222, 609.223, 609.2231, 609.224,
116.17 609.2242, 609.267, 609.2671, 609.2672, 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, or 609.345, it must
116.18 impose a fine of not less than 30 percent of the maximum fine authorized by law nor more
116.19 than the maximum fine authorized by law.

116.20 The court shall collect the portion of the fine mandated by this subdivision and forward
116.21 70 percent of it to a local victim assistance program that provides services locally in the
116.22 county in which the crime was committed. The court shall forward the remaining 30 percent
116.23 to the commissioner of management and budget to be credited to the general fund. If more
116.24 than one victim assistance program serves the county in which the crime was committed,
116.25 the court may designate on a case-by-case basis which program will receive the fine proceeds,
116.26 giving consideration to the nature of the crime committed, the types of victims served by
116.27 the program, and the funding needs of the program. If no victim assistance program serves
116.28 that county, the court shall forward 100 percent of the fine proceeds to the commissioner
116.29 of management and budget to be credited to the general fund. Fine proceeds received by a
116.30 local victim assistance program must be used to provide direct services to crime victims.

116.31 The minimum fine required by this subdivision is in addition to the surcharge or
116.32 assessment required by section 357.021, subdivision 6, and is in addition to any sentence
116.33 of imprisonment or restitution imposed or ordered by the court.

117.1 As used in this subdivision, "victim assistance program" means victim witness programs
117.2 within county attorney offices or any of the following programs: crime victim crisis centers,
117.3 victim-witness programs, ~~battered women~~ domestic abuse victim shelters and nonshelter
117.4 programs, ~~and~~ sexual assault programs, and children's advocacy centers as defined in section
117.5 260E.02, subdivision 5.

117.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 611A.02, is amended to read:

117.7 **611A.02 NOTIFICATION OF VICTIM SERVICES AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS.**

117.8 Subd. 2. **Victims' rights.** (a) The Office of Justice Programs in the Department of Public
117.9 Safety shall update the ~~two~~ model notices of the rights of crime victims required to be
117.10 distributed under this section and section 629.341.

117.11 (b) The initial notice of the rights of crime victims must be distributed by a peace officer
117.12 to each victim, as defined in section 611A.01, at the time of initial contact with the victim

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20.19 260E.02, subdivision 5.

20.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

20.21 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 611A.02, is amended to read:

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20.25 distributed under this section and section 629.341.

20.26 (b) The initial notice of the rights of crime victims must be distributed by a peace officer
20.27 to each victim, as defined in section 611A.01, at the time of initial contact with the victim

117.13 at the scene or when the victim makes a report. The notice, which can be distributed as a
 117.14 document or electronically, must inform a victim of:

117.15 (1) the victim's right to apply for reparations to the Minnesota Crime Victims
 117.16 Reimbursement Program to cover losses, not including property losses, resulting from a
 117.17 violent crime and the telephone number to call to request an application and information
 117.18 on how to apply;

117.19 (2) the victim's right to request that the law enforcement agency withhold public access
 117.20 to data revealing the victim's identity under section 13.82, subdivision 17, paragraph (d);

117.21 (3) the additional rights of domestic abuse victims as described in section 629.341;

117.22 (4) information on statewide crime victim help lines, the state address confidentiality
 117.23 program, and the nearest crime victim assistance program or resource; and

117.24 (5) the victim's rights, if an offender is charged, to be informed of and participate in the
 117.25 prosecution process, including the right to request restitution; and right to be notified if an
 117.26 offender is charged, to participate in the prosecution process, and to request restitution upon
 117.27 conviction.

117.28 ~~(6)~~ (c) A supplemental notice must be distributed by law enforcement agencies in
 117.29 homicide cases; and must include resources and information specific to homicide victims
 117.30 and information on rights and procedures available under sections 524.2-803, 524.3-614,
 117.31 and 524.3-615.

118.1 ~~(e)~~ (d) A supplemental notice of the rights of crime victims must be distributed by the
 118.2 city or county attorney's office to each victim; within a reasonable time after the offender
 118.3 is charged or petitioned. This notice must inform a victim of all the rights of crime victims
 118.4 under this chapter.

118.5 Subd. 3. **Notice of rights of victims in juvenile court.** ~~(a) The Office of Justice Programs~~
 118.6 ~~in the Department of Public Safety shall update the notice of the rights of victims in juvenile~~
 118.7 ~~court that explains~~ A supplemental notice shall be distributed by the prosecutor's office to
 118.8 each victim of an offense committed by a juvenile within a reasonable time after the petition
 118.9 is filed. This notice must notify the victim of:

118.10 (1) the rights of victims in the juvenile court;

118.11 (2) when a juvenile matter is public;

118.12 (3) the procedures to be followed in juvenile court proceedings; ~~and~~

118.13 (4) the right to attend certain juvenile court proceedings;

118.14 (5) the information related to the juvenile case that is available to victims; and

118.15 ~~(4)~~ (6) other relevant matters.

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21.28 ~~(4)~~ (6) other relevant matters.

118.16 (b) ~~The juvenile court shall distribute a copy of the notice to each victim of juvenile~~
118.17 ~~crime who attends a juvenile court proceeding, along with a notice of services for victims~~
118.18 ~~available in that judicial district.~~

118.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 611A.0315, is amended to read:

118.20 **611A.0315 VICTIM NOTIFICATION; DOMESTIC ASSAULT; CRIMINAL**
118.21 **SEXUAL CONDUCT; HARASSMENT; STALKING.**

118.22 Subdivision 1. **Notice of decision not to prosecute.** (a) A prosecutor shall make every
118.23 reasonable effort to notify a victim of domestic assault, a criminal sexual conduct offense,
118.24 ~~or~~ harassment or stalking, or a violation of an order for protection; domestic abuse no contact
118.25 ~~order; or harassment restraining order~~ that the prosecutor has decided to decline prosecution
118.26 of the case or to dismiss the criminal charges filed against the defendant. Efforts to notify
118.27 the victim should include, in order of priority: (1) contacting the victim or a person designated
118.28 by the victim by telephone; and (2) contacting the victim by email or mail. If a suspect is
118.29 still in custody, ~~the~~ a telephone or email notification attempt shall be made before the suspect
118.30 is released from custody.

118.31 (b) Whenever a prosecutor dismisses criminal charges against a person accused of
118.32 domestic assault, a criminal sexual conduct offense, ~~or~~ harassment or stalking, a violation
119.1 of an order for protection, or a violation of a harassment restraining order, a record shall be
119.2 made of the specific reasons for the dismissal. If the dismissal is due to the unavailability
119.3 of the witness, the prosecutor shall indicate the specific reason that the witness is unavailable.

119.4 (c) Whenever a prosecutor notifies a victim of domestic assault, criminal sexual conduct,
119.5 or harassment or stalking under this section, the prosecutor shall also inform the victim of
119.6 the method and benefits of seeking an order for protection under section 518B.01 or a
119.7 restraining order under section 609.748 and that the victim may seek an order without paying
119.8 a fee.

119.9 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the
119.10 meanings given them.

119.11 (a) "Assault" has the meaning given it in section 609.02, subdivision 10.

119.12 (b) "Domestic assault" means an assault committed by the actor against a family or
119.13 household member.

119.14 (c) "Family or household member" has the meaning given it in section 518B.01,
119.15 subdivision 2.

119.16 (d) "Harassment" or "stalking" means a violation of section 609.749.

119.17 (e) "Criminal sexual conduct offense" means a violation of sections 609.342 to 609.3453.

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119.18 (f) "Violation of an order for protection" has the meaning given in section 518B.01,
119.19 subdivision 14.

119.20 (g) "Violation of a harassment restraining order" has the meaning given in section
119.21 609.748, subdivision 6.

119.22 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 611A.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to
119.23 read:

119.24 Subd. 3b. **Notice of submission of apology letter.** (a) The commissioner of corrections
119.25 or other custodial authority shall make a good faith effort to notify the victim that the offender
119.26 has submitted a letter of apology. Notices shall only be provided to victims who have
119.27 submitted a written request for notification to the head of the county correctional facility
119.28 in which the offender is confined, or if committed to the Department of Corrections,
119.29 submitted a written request for the notice to the commissioner of corrections or an electronic
119.30 request through the Department of Corrections electronic victim notification system. The
119.31 good faith effort to notify the victim must occur within 90 days of the filing of the apology
119.32 letter.

120.1 (b) Upon request, the commissioner of corrections or other custodial authority shall
120.2 notify the Board of Pardons, the Clemency Review Commission, or a court that the offender
120.3 submitted a letter of apology.

120.4 (c) The content of a letter of apology submitted by an offender is private data on
120.5 individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, or nonpublic data, as defined in
120.6 section 13.02, subdivision 9, except that the letter may be provided to the intended recipient
120.7 upon request.

120.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 629.341, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

120.9 Subd. 3. **Notice of rights.** The peace officer shall ~~tell~~ orally notify the victim ~~whether~~
120.10 ~~a~~ about shelter or other services ~~are~~ available in the community and give the victim immediate
120.11 written notice of the legal ~~rights and~~ remedies and resources available. The written notice
120.12 must include ~~furnishing the victim a copy of~~ the following statement:

120.13 ~~"IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, you can ask the city or~~
120.14 ~~county attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to go to court and file~~
120.15 ~~a petition requesting an order for protection from domestic abuse. The order could include~~
120.16 ~~the following:~~

120.17 (1) ~~an order restraining the abuser from further acts of abuse;~~

120.18 (2) ~~an order directing the abuser to leave your household;~~

120.19 (3) ~~an order preventing the abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or~~
120.20 ~~place of employment;~~

23.1 (f) "Violation of an order for protection" has the meaning given in section 518B.01,
23.2 subdivision 14.

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23.17 ~~place of employment;~~

120.21 ~~(4) an order awarding you or the other parent custody of or parenting time with your~~
120.22 ~~minor child or children; or~~

120.23 ~~(5) an order directing the abuser to pay support to you and the minor children if the~~
120.24 ~~abuser has a legal obligation to do so."~~

120.25 "IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, you can file a petition with
120.26 the court for an order for protection and ask that the person responsible for the domestic
120.27 violence:

120.28 (1) Be restrained from further acts of abuse;

120.29 (2) Leave your household;

120.30 (3) Stay away from your residence, school, business, or place of employment; and

121.1 (4) Pay temporary support to you and for the minor child if the person is legally obligated
121.2 to do so.

121.3 In your petition, you can request a custody and parenting time order for a child in common
121.4 with the person."

121.5 The notice must include the ~~resource listing, including telephone number, for the area~~
121.6 ~~program that provides~~ statewide domestic abuse help line and contact information for area
121.7 organizations providing services to victims of domestic abuse as ~~shelter~~, designated by the
121.8 Office of Justice Programs in the Department of Public Safety.

121.9 **Sec. 6. USE OF EXISTING SUPPLY.**

121.10 A law enforcement agency, city attorney's office, or county attorney's office may exhaust
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121.12 Statutes, sections 611A.02, subdivision 2, and 629.341, subdivision 3.

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24.8 Statutes, sections 611A.02, subdivision 2, and 629.341, subdivision 3.