

**609.687 ADULTERATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Adulteration" is the intentional adding of any substance, which has the capacity to cause death, bodily harm or illness by ingestion, injection, inhalation or absorption, to a substance having a customary or reasonably foreseeable human use.

Subd. 2. **Acts constituting.** (a) Whoever, knowing or having reason to know that the adulteration will cause or is capable of causing death, bodily harm or illness, adulterates any substance with the intent to cause death, bodily harm or illness is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 3; or

(b) whoever, knowing or having reason to know that a substance has been adulterated as defined in subdivision 1, distributes, disseminates, gives, sells, or otherwise transfers an adulterated substance with the intent to cause death, bodily harm or illness is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. **Sentence.** Whoever violates subdivision 2 may be sentenced as follows:

(1) if the adulteration causes death, to imprisonment for not more than 40 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both;

(2) if the adulteration causes any illness, pain, or other bodily harm, to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both;

(3) otherwise, to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

Subd. 4. **Charging discretion.** Criminal proceedings may be instituted under this section, notwithstanding the provisions of section 29.24, 31.02, 31.601, 34.01, 151.34, 340A.508, subdivision 2, or other law proscribing adulteration of substances intended for use by persons.

**History:** 1983 c 8 s 1; 1987 c 384 art 2 s 110; 1999 c 64 s 1,2; 1Sp2001 c 2 s 148