

**152.0261 IMPORTING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACROSS STATE BORDERS.**

Subdivision 1. **Felony.** A person who crosses a state or international border into Minnesota while in possession of an amount of a controlled substance that constitutes a first-degree controlled substance crime under section 152.021, subdivision 2, is guilty of importing controlled substances and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 1a. **Use of person under 18 to import.** A person who conspires with or employs a person under the age of 18 to cross a state or international border into Minnesota while that person or the person under the age of 18 is in possession of an amount of a controlled substance that constitutes a controlled substance crime under sections 152.021 to 152.025 and 152.0262, with the intent to obstruct the criminal justice process, is guilty of importing controlled substances and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Jurisdiction.** A violation of this section may be charged, indicted, and tried in any county, but not more than one county, into or through which the actor has brought the controlled substance.

Subd. 3. **Penalty.** A person convicted of violating this section is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 35 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$1,250,000, or both.

**History:** 1990 c 602 art 7 s 7; 1998 c 367 art 4 s 4,5; 2005 c 136 art 7 s 21