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CHAPTER 255—S.F.No. 1171

An act relating to crime; creating a committee on nonfelony enforcement to review the proportionality and enforcement of petty misdemeanor, misdemeanor, and gross misdemeanor offenses; requiring a report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **NONFELONY ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Subdivision 1. DUTIES. The nonfelony enforcement advisory committee shall study current enforcement and prosecution of all nonfelony offenses under Minnesota law. The committee shall evaluate the effect of prosecutorial jurisdiction over misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes against the person on effective law enforcement and public safety. The committee shall analyze the relative penalty levels for nonfelony crimes against the person and low-level felony property crimes. The committee shall recommend any necessary changes in Minnesota law to achieve the following goals:

- (1) proportionality of penalties for gross misdemeanors, misdemeanors, and petty misdemeanors;
- (2) effective enforcement and prosecution of these offenses; and
- (3) efficient use of the resources of the criminal justice system.

Subd. 2. RESOURCES. The committee may use legislative staff to provide legal counsel, research, and secretarial and clerical assistance. The sentencing guidelines committee, department of corrections, state court administrator, and criminal justice information system shall provide technical assistance to the committee on request.

Subd. 3. MEMBERSHIP. The committee consists of:

- (1) three senators, no more than two of whom are from the same political party, appointed by the senate subcommittee on committees of the committee on rules and administration and three members of the house of representatives, no more than two of whom are from the same political party, appointed by the speaker;
- (2) two representatives from each of the following groups appointed by the chairs of the senate committee on crime prevention and the house judiciary committee:

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- (i) crime victim advocates;
- (ii) county attorneys;
- (iii) city attorneys;
- (iv) professors of law with expertise in criminal justice;
- (v) district court judges;
- (vi) criminal defense attorneys;
- (vii) probation officers; and
- (viii) public members who are victims of crime;

(3) four law enforcement officials, including one municipal law enforcement official, one county law enforcement official, one conservation officer, and one member of the state patrol, appointed by the chairs of the senate committee on crime prevention and the house judiciary committee; and

(4) the state court administrator, who shall chair the committee.

Subd. 4. REPORT. By October 1, 1995, the committee shall report its findings and recommendations for revisions in Minnesota law to the chairs of the senate committee on crime prevention and the house committee on judiciary.

Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

Section 1 is repealed effective October 15, 1995.

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CHAPTER 256—S.F.No. 1187

An act relating to health care; clarifying the uniform anatomical gift act; retroactively defining organ donation as the rendition of a service; amending Minnesota Statutes 1992, sections 148.921, subdivision 2; and 525.9221.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 525.9221, is amended to read:

525.9221 **EXAMINATION, AUTOPSY, APPLICABLE LAW, LIABILITY.**

(a) An anatomical gift authorizes any reasonable examination necessary to assure medical acceptability of the gift for the purposes intended.

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