

**CHAPTER 210—H.F.No. 2373**

*An act relating to public safety; extending the felony of fraudulent or other improper finance statements to include retaliation against a sheriff or county recorder for performance of official duties regarding real property; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 609.7475, subdivision 3.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 609.7475, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Penalties.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person who violates subdivision 2 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(b) A person who violates subdivision 2 is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if the person:

(1) commits the offense with intent to influence or otherwise tamper with a juror or a judicial proceeding or with intent to retaliate against:

(i) a judicial officer, as defined in section 609.415; or

(ii) a prosecutor, defense attorney, or officer of the court, because of that person's performance of official duties in connection with a judicial proceeding;

(iii) a sheriff or deputy sheriff because of that person's performance of official duties in connection with a sheriff's sale of real property; or

(iv) a county recorder because of that person's performance of official duties in connection with the filing of liens placed on real property; or

(2) commits the offense after having been previously convicted of a violation of this section.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2012, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Presented to the governor April 19, 2012

Signed by the governor April 23, 2012, 11:10 a.m.