

**CHAPTER 175--H.F.No. 3469**

*An act relating to crime; modifying crime and increasing sentence of interfering with a body or scene of death; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.502, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.502, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Concealing evidence.** ~~Whoever~~ A person is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced under subdivision 1a if the person interferes with the body or scene of death with intent to:

(1) conceal the body;

(2) conceal evidence; or

(3) otherwise mislead the coroner or ~~conceal evidence is guilty of a gross misdemeanor~~ medical examiner.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.502, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. **Penalty.** A person convicted under subdivision 1, clause (2) or (3), is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. A person convicted under subdivision 1, clause (1), may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to a payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Sec. 3. **TITLE.**

This act shall be known as "Laura's Law."

Presented to the governor May 24, 2016

Signed by the governor May 31, 2016, 10:18 a.m.