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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

02/13/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass and Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; firearms; authorizing federally licensed firearms
1.3 manufacturers to possess federally registered firearm silencers for the purpose
1.4 of testing firearms manufactured for police and military agencies; amending
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 609.66, subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 609.66, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. Exceptions. (a) Nothing in this section prohibits the possession of the
1.9 articles mentioned by museums or collectors of art or for other lawful purposes of public
1.10 exhibition.

1.11 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits the ownership, possession, or use of firearm
1.12 silencer or firearm muffler by a person or entity licensed as a firearms manufacturer under
1.13 United States Code, title 18, section 923, provided that the silencer or muffler is used
1.14 exclusively for the purpose of testing firearms manufactured for federal, state, and local
1.15 law enforcement agencies or any branch or unit of the United States armed forces, and
1.16 the manufacturer:

1.17 (1) possesses a manufacturer's Type 7 Federal Firearms License issued in accordance
1.18 with the Gun Control Act, United States Code, title 18, section 923, and the Internal
1.19 Revenue Code, United States Code, title 26, chapter 53;

1.20 (2) possesses proof of registration of the silencer in the National Firearm Registration
1.21 and Transfer Record established in the National Firearms Act, United States Code, title
1.22 26, section 5841, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 27, part 479, as enforced by the
1.23 Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, indicating compliance with
1.24 all applicable federal statutes, regulations, and standards; and

2.1 (3) has provided written notification to the sheriff of the county or counties in which
2.2 the firm is located and the testing will be done of the manufacturer's intent to possess and
2.3 use the silencer for that purpose.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.