

A bill for an act
relating to public safety; amending the penalty for false reporting of a crime;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.505, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.505, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **False reporting.** Whoever informs a law enforcement officer that a crime has been committed or otherwise provides information to an on-duty peace officer, knowing that the person is a peace officer, regarding the conduct of others, knowing that it is false and intending that the officer shall act in reliance upon it, is guilty of a misdemeanor. ~~A person who is convicted a second or subsequent time under this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.~~ crime and may be sentenced as follows:

(1) if the report is a false report of a misdemeanor, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor;

(2) if the report is a false report of a gross misdemeanor, the person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor; and

(3) if the report is a false report of a felony, the person 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2010, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.