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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3469

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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
03/31/2016 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read Second Time
04/04/2016 By motion, re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to crime; modifying crime and increasing sentence of interfering with
1.3 a body or scene of death; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.502,
1.4 subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions.

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

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

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

1.10 (1) conceal the body;

1.11 (2) conceal evidence; or

1.12 (3) otherwise mislead the coroner or ~~conceal evidence is guilty of a gross~~

1.13 misdemeanor medical examiner.

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

1.16 Subd. 1a. **Penalty.** A person convicted under subdivision 1 may be sentenced to
1.17 imprisonment for not more than ten years or to a payment of a fine of not more than
1.18 \$20,000 or both.

1.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.502, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.20 to read:

2.1 Subd. 1b. **Restitution** The court shall order any person convicted of a violation of
2.2 subdivision 1, clause (1), to make full restitution of all reasonable expenses incurred by a
2.3 law enforcement agency engaged in efforts to locate the body.

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

2.6 Sec. 4. **TITLE.**

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