

**H.F No. 1661, 1st Engrossment: 83rd Legislative Session (2003-2004) Posted on Feb 12, 2004**

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to crimes; prohibiting falsely reporting  
1.3 police misconduct; providing penalties; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 609.505.  
1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:  
1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 609.505, is  
1.7 amended to read:  
1.8 609.505 [FALSELY REPORTING CRIME.]  
1.9 Subdivision 1. [FALSE REPORTING.] Whoever informs a law  
1.10 enforcement officer that a crime has been committed or otherwise  
1.11 provides false information to an on-duty peace officer regarding  
1.12 the conduct of others, knowing that it is false and intending  
1.13 that the officer shall act in reliance upon it, is guilty of a  
1.14 misdemeanor. A person who is convicted a second or subsequent  
1.15 time under this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.  
1.16 Subd. 2. [REPORTING POLICE MISCONDUCT.] (a) Whoever  
1.17 informs, or causes information to be communicated to, a public  
1.18 official, as defined in section 609.415, subdivision 1, or an  
1.19 employee thereof, whose responsibilities include investigating  
1.20 or reporting police misconduct, that a peace officer, as defined  
1.21 in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), has committed  
1.22 an act of police misconduct, knowing that the information is  
1.23 false, is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as follows:  
1.24 (1) up to the maximum provided for a misdemeanor if the  
1.25 false information does not allege a criminal act; or  
2.1 (2) up to the maximum provided for a gross misdemeanor if  
2.2 the false information alleges a criminal act.  
2.3 (b) The court shall order any person convicted of a  
2.4 violation of this subdivision to make full restitution of all  
2.5 reasonable expenses incurred in the investigation of the false  
2.6 allegation unless the court makes a specific written finding  
2.7 that restitution would be inappropriate under the circumstances.  
2.8 Sec. 2. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]  
2.9 Section 1 is effective August 1, 2004, and applies to  
2.10 crimes committed on or after that date.