

HF2169 - 0 - Offense of Unintentional Murder Modified

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Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

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Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
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Total	-	-	-	-	-

Lead LBO Analyst's Comment

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Bill Description

HF2169-0 (“the bill”) amends Minn. Stat. § 609.19, subd. 2(2), the crime of 2nd Degree Unintentional Murder for causing the death of a human being without intent while intentionally inflicting or attempting to inflict bodily harm upon the victim when the perpetrator is restrained under an order for protection, to expand the definition of a an “order for protection” to also include an order issued by the District of Columbia, Tribal Lands, United States territories, Canada, or a Canadian province.

Assumptions

It is assumed that case filings will not increase because the bill expands the types of orders that would provide grounds for charging 2nd degree murder for what is already criminal behavior (assault). It is assumed the bill may increase the judicial branch resources required to process these existing cases because felony cases require more judicial branch resources than misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor cases.

Based on the information in the Expenditure section below, it is assumed that any increase in judge or staff time needed to process felony charges under the provisions of this bill would be minimal due to the low number of cases currently charged under Minn. Stat. § 609.19, subd. 2(2).

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Based on five years of judicial branch data (2021-2025), there are on average fewer than 2 charges filed under Minn. Stat. § 609.19, subd. 2(2) statewide per year. Even if each of those charges constituted a separate criminal case filing, any additional judge and staff time needed to process one or two felony cases statewide per year would not have a measurable fiscal impact on the judicial branch.

It is anticipated that this bill will not have a significant fiscal impact on the judicial branch.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

None.

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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Bill Description

This bill expands the coverage of unintentional second-degree murder statute found in Minnesota Statutes 609.19 subdivision 2 in Minnesota to cover cases where the offender violates protective orders issued by a wider range of jurisdictions. In addition to existing Minnesota and U.S. court orders, the bill adds orders issued by the District of Columbia, Tribal Lands, U.S. territories, Canada, or Canadian provinces. The effective date for this new language is August 1, 2025.

Assumptions

The Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission (MSGC) projects a minimal long-term fiscal impact to state correctional resources as a result of this legislation.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

None

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

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Local Fiscal Impact

Unknown

References/Sources

MSGC

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Bill Description

Unntentional murder in the second degree where the perpetrator is restrained under an order for protection and the victim is a person designated to receive protection under the order would be amended to include cases where the orders have been issued from the District of Columbia, Tribal Lands, United States territories, Canada, or a Canadian province.

Assumptions

There is not enough infomation to determine an impact on caseloads or workloads.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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Bill Description

This bill amends second-degree murder under Minn. Stat. § 609.19, subd. 2(2) (unintentional murder where death results from an assault in violation of a protective order), expanding the jurisdictions whose orders qualify to include the District of Columbia, Tribal Lands, United States territories, Canada, or a Canadian province.

The bill is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Assumptions

It is assumed that the effective date is August 1, 2026.

In the statute’s existing form, with protective orders from Minnesota, other states, and the United States in the statute’s scope, the offense is currently sentenced at a low frequency: one case every six years. According to MSGC sentencing data, from 2001 to 2024, there have been four second-degree felony murder cases sentenced under subd. 2(2), one of which was sentenced in 2024.

Adding protective orders from D.C, Tribal Lands, U.S. territories, and Canada to the statute’s scope could, in theory, expand the frequency at which the offense will be sentenced. In 2021, the Legislature expanded the scope of chapter 518B (Domestic Abuse) to include criminal penalties for violating Canadian orders for protection. A review of Judicial Branch data discloses no clear pattern of increase in the number of charges or convictions for violating orders for protection after this 2021 expansion in chapter 518B’s scope (Table 1).

Table 1. Charges Filed and Convicted, Chapter 518B, 2021 through 2025.

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Charges Filed	2,662	2,565	2,250	2,123	2,026
Charges Convicted	861	970	883	776	660

Source: Minn. Judicial Branch.

Based on these data, it is assumed that the bill’s expansion of the scope of Minn. Stat. § 609.19, subd. 2(2), will not materially expand the frequency at which the crime will be sentenced, and that there will therefore be minimal impact from this change.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Based on the above assumptions, the expected long-term impact is minimal.

Local Fiscal Impact

The extent of any local impact has not been assessed by MSGC.

References/Sources

MSGC sentencing data, 2001 to 2024.

2021 Minn. Laws ch. 6, art. 2, section 1.

Minn. Judicial Branch, District Court Criminal Charges Data, ch. 518B (retrieved Feb. 23, 2026, at <https://public.tableau.com/shared/X3NQYZYG9>).

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