

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to commerce; modifying the jurisdiction of the commerce fraud bureau;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 45.0135, subdivisions 2a, 2b.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 45.0135, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2a. **Authorization.** (a) The commissioner may appoint peace officers, as defined
1.7 in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), and establish a law enforcement agency, as
1.8 defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (f), known as the Commerce Fraud
1.9 Bureau, to conduct investigations, and to make arrests under sections 629.30 and 629.34.
1.10 The primary jurisdiction of the law enforcement agency is limited to offenses related to
1.11 insurance fraud with a nexus to insurance-related crimes or investment fraud.

1.12 (b) Upon request, and at the discretion of the commissioner, the Commerce Fraud Bureau
1.13 may also respond to a law enforcement agency's request to exercise law enforcement duties
1.14 in cooperation with that law enforcement agency of jurisdiction.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 45.0135, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 2b. **Duties.** The Commerce Fraud Bureau shall:

1.17 (1) review notices and reports ~~of insurance fraud~~ within its primary jurisdiction submitted
1.18 by authorized insurers, their employees, and agents or producers;

1.19 (2) respond to notifications or complaints ~~of suspected insurance fraud~~ within its primary
1.20 jurisdiction generated by other law enforcement agencies, state or federal governmental
1.21 units, or any other person;

2.1 (3) initiate inquiries and conduct investigations when the bureau has reason to believe
2.2 that ~~insurance fraud has~~ offenses within its primary jurisdiction have been or ~~is~~ are being
2.3 committed; and

2.4 (4) report ~~incidents of alleged insurance fraud~~ crimes disclosed by its investigations to
2.5 appropriate law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, the attorney general,
2.6 county attorneys, or any other appropriate law enforcement or regulatory agency, and shall
2.7 assemble evidence, prepare charges, and otherwise assist any law enforcement authority
2.8 having jurisdiction.