House Research Act Summary

CHAPTER: 242 SESSION: 2014 Regular Session

TOPIC: Crimes for failure to pay court-ordered support

Analyst: Mary Mullen Date: May 13, 2014

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd/.

Overview

This act clarifies the law on crimes related to non-payment of child support and spousal maintenance, or alimony, and provides that crimes, and provisions related to work release and affirmative defense, apply to court-ordered support.

Section

1 **Crime defined.** Specifies that the misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, and felony crime for failure to provide support must be court-ordered support.

Effective date. This section applies to crimes committed on or after August 1, 2014.

Conditions of work release; probation violation. Specifies that the payment of child support or spousal maintenance that is required for work release or a probation violation when there has been a felony violation of support must be court-ordered support.

Effective date. This section applies to crimes committed on or after August 1, 2014.

Defense. Adds that an affirmative defense to criminal liability for non-payment of support is for court-ordered support.

Effective date. This section applies to crimes committed on or after August 1, 2014.