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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill makes it a felony to use or attempt to use another person's identity, without consent, for fraudulent or other unlawful purposes.

- 1 Forfeiture law; definitions.** Amends the forfeiture law in the Criminal Code to authorize forfeiture of property that is used to commit or is generated by the new "identity fraud" crime created in section 2.
- 2 Fraudulent use of personal identity of another.**
  - Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines the following terms:
    - "personal identifying information" includes a variety of ways by which individuals are known or identify themselves or their financial assets. It specifically includes an individual's name, address, telephone number, driver's license or Minnesota ID number, place of employment and employee ID number, mother's maiden name, bank account numbers, and financial transaction card number; and
    - "means of identification" means any document or card containing personal identifying information that is used or intended to be used to identify an individual.
  - Subd. 2. Crime.** Provides a five-year felony penalty for any person to intentionally use or attempt to use any means of identification or personal identifying information about another person, without consent for the purpose of:
    - obtaining credit, money, goods, services, or other thing of value
    - committing any unlawful act or
    - causing loss to any person.
- 3 Effective date.** August 1, 1999, for crimes committed on or after that date.