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Bill Summary

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Overview

Adds a new level of offense to the crime of identity theft. Directs the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to amend the sentencing guidelines by (1) adding the use of another's identity as an aggravating sentencing factor, and (2) permitting consecutive sentences for offenders with six or more criminal history points.

Section

- 1 Identity theft.** Amends the identity theft statute by adding another level for those who commit identity theft and in the process victimize eight or more parties or cause a combined loss of more than \$35,000. Violation of this provision is a 20-year felony and subjects the person to a fine of up to 100,000, or both.
- 2 Sentencing Guidelines**
 - Subd. 1. Identity theft; aggravating factor.** Directs the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to amend the sentencing guidelines by adding the use of another's identity in the commission of a crime as an aggravating factor a court may consider in sentencing.
 - Subd. 2. Permissive consecutive sentences.** Directs the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to amend the sentencing guidelines by permitting a court to impose consecutive sentences for defendants who possess a criminal history score of six or more.
- 3 Effective date.** August 1, 2003.