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Overview

This bill modifies the crime of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle where death or bodily injury results from the attempt to flee. The bill would extend the law to situations where a suspect initially flees police in a motor vehicle but abandons the vehicle and continues to flee via other means. This proposal stems from a case in Minneapolis where a suspect fleeing police crashed his car and continued to flee police on foot. While fleeing on foot, a Minneapolis parks police officer was hit and killed by another peace officer involved in the pursuit. Because the suspect was no longer fleeing in a motor vehicle, prosecutors could not charge him under this statute with the death of the peace officer.