

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; increasing criminal penalty for impersonating a peace
1.3 officer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.4751.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.4751, is amended to read:

1.6 **609.4751 IMPERSONATING A PEACE OFFICER.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. ~~Misdemeanor~~ **Intent to mislead.** Whoever falsely impersonates a peace
1.8 officer with intent to mislead another into believing that the impersonator is actually an
1.9 officer is guilty of a ~~misdemeanor~~ **felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not**
1.10 **more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both.**

1.11 Subd. 2. ~~Gross misdemeanor~~ **Buildings; vehicles.** Whoever violates subdivision 1
1.12 while committing any of the following acts is guilty of a ~~gross misdemeanor~~ **felony and**
1.13 **may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of**
1.14 **not more than \$10,000, or both:**

1.15 (1) gaining access to a public building or government facility that is not open to the
1.16 public;

1.17 (2) without legal authority, directing or ordering another person to act or refrain from
1.18 acting;

1.19 (3) violating section 169.64, subdivision 2, 3, or 4, or the siren provisions of section
1.20 169.68; or

1.21 (4) operating a motor vehicle marked:

2.1 (i) with the word or words "police," "patrolman," "sheriff," "deputy," "trooper," "state
2.2 patrol," "conservation officer," "agent," or "marshal"; or

2.3 (ii) with any lettering, marking, or insignia, or colorable imitation thereof, including,
2.4 but not limited to, stars, badges, or shields identifying the vehicle as a law enforcement
2.5 vehicle, and which a reasonable person would believe is a law enforcement vehicle governed
2.6 under section 169.98, subdivision 1.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Felony Previous violation.** Whoever violates this section within five years of
2.8 a previous violation of this section is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment
2.9 for not more than ~~two~~ ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than ~~\$4,000~~ \$20,000,
2.10 or both.