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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring law enforcement agencies to trace and report
1.3 on recovered or confiscated firearms; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 626.

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

1.6 Section 1. 626.5536 LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR
1.7 ETRACE SYSTEM AND TRACE AND REPORT ON RECOVERED OR
1.8 CONFISCATED FIREARMS.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Definition. As used in this section, "recovered or confiscated" means
1.10 any of the following:

1.11 (1) obtained from a crime scene or in connection with a criminal investigation;

1.12 (2) seized by a law enforcement agency;

1.13 (3) forfeited to a law enforcement agency;

1.14 (4) acquired by a law enforcement agency as an abandoned or discarded firearm;

1.15 (5) obtained following the unlawful discharge of a firearm; or

1.16 (6) otherwise obtained and reasonably believed to be connected to a crime.

1.17 Subd. 2. Reporting required. (a) Each law enforcement agency shall register for the
1.18 United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives National Tracing
1.19 Center's eTrace system, and opt-in to the system's collective data sharing feature.

1.20 (b) Whenever a firearm is recovered or confiscated by a law enforcement agency, the
1.21 agency must, as soon as practicable:

- 2.1 (1) transmit information relating to the firearm to the eTrace system; and
- 2.2 (2) arrange for the firearm to be test fired and the results submitted to the National
- 2.3 Integrated Ballistics Information Network.
- 2.4 (c) Whenever a shell casing is recovered or confiscated by a law enforcement agency,
- 2.5 that agency must, as soon as practicable, submit the ballistics information to the National
- 2.6 Integrated Ballistics Information Network.