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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 appropriate agencies to destroy firearms subject
1.3 to forfeiture that are not kept for a law enforcement purpose; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2024, section 609.5315, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.5315, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Disposition.** (a) ~~Subject to paragraph (b),~~ If the court finds under section
1.8 609.5313, 609.5314, or 609.5318 that the property is subject to forfeiture, it shall order the
1.9 appropriate agency to do one of the following:

1.10 (1) unless a different disposition is provided under clause (3) or (4), ~~either~~ destroy
1.11 firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories that the agency decides not to use for law
1.12 enforcement purposes under clause (8), ~~or sell them to federally licensed firearms dealers,~~
1.13 ~~as defined in section 624.7161, subdivision 1, and distribute the proceeds under subdivision~~
1.14 ~~5 or 5b;~~

1.15 (2) sell property that is not required to be destroyed by law and is not harmful to the
1.16 public and distribute the proceeds under subdivision 5 or 5b;

1.17 (3) sell antique firearms, as defined in section 624.712, subdivision 3, to the public and
1.18 distribute the proceeds under subdivision 5 or 5b;

1.19 (4) destroy or use for law enforcement purposes semiautomatic military-style assault
1.20 weapons, as defined in section 624.712, subdivision 7;

1.21 (5) take custody of the property and remove it for disposition in accordance with law;

1.22 (6) forward the property to the federal drug enforcement administration;

2.1 (7) disburse money as provided under subdivision 5, 5b, or 5c; or

2.2 (8) keep property other than money for official use by the agency and the prosecuting
2.3 agency.

2.4 ~~(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the Hennepin or Ramsey County sheriff may not sell~~
2.5 ~~firearms, ammunition, or firearms accessories if the policy is disapproved by the applicable~~
2.6 ~~county board.~~

2.7 ~~(e)~~ (b) If property is sold under paragraph (a), the appropriate agency shall not sell
2.8 property to: (1) an officer or employee of the agency that seized the property or to a person
2.9 related to the officer or employee by blood or marriage; or (2) the prosecuting authority or
2.10 any individual working in the same office or a person related to the authority or individual
2.11 by blood or marriage.

2.12 ~~(d)~~ (c) Sales of forfeited property under this section must be conducted in a commercially
2.13 reasonable manner.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.