

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

S.F. No. 4847

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; prohibiting firearms in buildings owned by or under the
1.3 control of state or local governments; providing criminal penalties; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.66, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.66, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 1i. **Felony; possession in state or local government buildings.** (a) A person
1.9 who possesses a firearm within a building owned by the state or a local government, or
1.10 within a portion of a building leased or otherwise controlled by the state or a local
1.11 government, and used for the purpose of government administration, is guilty of a felony
1.12 and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine
1.13 of not more than \$10,000, or both.

1.14 (b) Unless a person is otherwise prohibited or restricted by law from possessing a firearm,
1.15 this subdivision does not apply to:

1.16 (1) licensed peace officers or military personnel who are performing official duties; or

1.17 (2) a person who has written permission to possess a firearm within the building or space
1.18 from the person having general control and supervision over the building or space.

1.19 (c) This subdivision does not apply to locations described in subdivision 1d or 1g.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to crimes
1.21 committed on or after that date.