Overview

This bill increases the amount of liability insurance coverage Indian communities and tribes must have in order to exercise law enforcement authority and sets a cap for the amount of insurance they must carry. The bill also clarifies the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians.

Section

1. **Law enforcement agency.** Amends the section of law dealing with the law enforcement authority of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians. Current law provides that the band has the powers of a law enforcement agency if it meets certain requirements, including filing with the board of peace officer standards and training a bond or certificate of insurance for liability coverage for the maximum amount set forth in section 466.04 and an annual cap for all occurrences within a year of three times the single occurrence amount. Section 466.04 specifies the maximum tort liability of a municipality.

This bill requires the band to have liability coverage with the maximum single occurrence amounts set forth in section 466.04 and an annual cap for all occurrences within a year of three times the single occurrence amount.

2. **Law enforcement agency.** Makes the same change as in section 1 for the Lower Sioux Indian Community. Also contains a technical change to correct a cross-
reference due to a subdivision that was repealed in 1998.

3 **Law enforcement agency.** Makes the same change as in section 1 for the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Also contains the same technical change that is included in section 2.

4 **Definition.** Amends the definition of "tribe" in the law establishing law enforcement authority for tribal law enforcement agencies to clarify the authority of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians. Current law provides that a "tribe" does not include the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians. This bill provides that a "tribe" does not include the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians for purposes of exercising law enforcement authority in Mille Lacs county under section 626.90. Specifies that "tribe" includes the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians for purposes of exercising law enforcement authority on Mille Lacs Bank of Chippewa Indians reservation lands which lie outside of Mille Lacs county.

5 **Tribal law enforcement agency requirements.** Makes the same change as in section 1 for federally recognized Indian tribes, other than the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, Lower Sioux Indian Community, and Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

6 **Effective date.** The day following final enactment.