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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; prohibiting the public dissemination of information
1.3 regarding a law enforcement official's home address; providing criminal penalties;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

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

1.6 Section 1. [609.5151] DISSEMINATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT
1.7 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROHIBITED; PENALTY.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. As used in this section:

1.9 (1) "family or household member" has the meaning given in section 518B.01, subdivision
1.10 2;

1.11 (2) "law enforcement official" means both peace officers as defined in section 626.84,
1.12 subdivision 1, and persons employed by a law enforcement agency; and

1.13 (3) "personal information" means a home address, directions to a home, or photographs
1.14 of a home.

1.15 Subd. 2. Crime described. It is a misdemeanor for a person to knowingly and without
1.16 consent make publicly available, including but not limited to through the Internet, personal
1.17 information about a law enforcement official or an official's family or household member,
1.18 if:

1.19 (1) the dissemination poses an imminent and serious threat to the official's safety or the
1.20 safety of an official's family or household member; and

1.21 (2) the person making the information publicly available knows or reasonably should
1.22 know of the imminent and serious threat.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021, and applies to crimes
- 2.2 committed on or after that date.