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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; changing terminology in the terroristic threats crime;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.713.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.713, is amended to read:

1.6 **609.713 ~~TERRORISTIC~~ VIOLENT THREATS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Threaten violence; intent to ~~terrorize~~ cause extreme fear.**

1.8 Whoever threatens, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose
1.9 to ~~terrorize~~ cause extreme fear in another or to cause evacuation of a building, place of
1.10 assembly, vehicle or facility of public transportation or otherwise to cause serious public
1.11 inconvenience, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such ~~terror~~ extreme fear
1.12 or inconvenience may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to
1.13 payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both. As used in this subdivision, "crime
1.14 of violence" has the meaning given "violent crime" in section 609.1095, subdivision 1,
1.15 paragraph (d).

1.16 Subd. 2. **Communicates to ~~terrorize~~ cause extreme fear.** Whoever communicates
1.17 to another with purpose to ~~terrorize~~ cause extreme fear in another or in reckless disregard
1.18 of the risk of causing such ~~terror~~ extreme fear, that explosives or an explosive device or
1.19 any incendiary device is present at a named place or location, whether or not the same
1.20 is in fact present, may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to
1.21 payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

1.22 Subd. 3. **Display replica of firearm.** (a) Whoever displays, exhibits, brandishes,
1.23 or otherwise employs a replica firearm or a BB gun in a threatening manner, may be

2.1 sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year and one day or to payment of a fine
2.2 of not more than \$3,000, or both, if, in doing so, the person either:

2.3 (1) causes or attempts to cause ~~terror~~ extreme fear in another person; or

2.4 (2) acts in reckless disregard of the risk of causing ~~terror~~ extreme fear in another
2.5 person.

2.6 (b) For purposes of this subdivision:

2.7 (1) "BB gun" means a device that fires or ejects a shot measuring .18 of an inch
2.8 or less in diameter; and

2.9 (2) "replica firearm" means a device or object that is not defined as a dangerous
2.10 weapon, and that is a facsimile or toy version of, and reasonably appears to be a pistol,
2.11 revolver, shotgun, sawed-off shotgun, rifle, machine gun, rocket launcher, or any other
2.12 firearm. The term replica firearm includes, but is not limited to, devices or objects that
2.13 are designed to fire only blanks.

2.14 Sec. 2. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

2.15 In the next edition of Minnesota Statutes, the revisor of statutes shall change
2.16 references to "terroristic threats" when that term is referring to Minnesota Statutes, section
2.17 609.713, to "violent threats."