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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 241

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; creating the crime of electronic impersonation; imposing  
1.3 penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

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

1.5 Section 1. [609.7482] ELECTRONIC IMPERSONATION.

1.6 (a) A person who knowingly and without consent and with intent to cause  
1.7 harassment as defined in section 609.748, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), credibly  
1.8 represents oneself as another actual person through or on a Web site or by other electronic  
1.9 means is guilty of a felony.

1.10 (b) For the purposes of this section, a person credibly represents oneself as another  
1.11 person if another person would reasonably believe, or did reasonably believe, that the  
1.12 defendant was or is the person who was impersonated.

1.13 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2015, and applies to crimes  
1.14 committed on or after that date.