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H. F. No. 2872

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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 crime; prohibiting the dissemination of personal information about a  
1.3 child; amending Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 609.5151.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 609.5151, is amended to read:

1.6 **609.5151 DISSEMINATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ~~ABOUT LAW~~**  
1.7 **~~ENFORCEMENT~~ PROHIBITED; PENALTY.**

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

1.9 (1) "child" means an individual under the age of 18 years;

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

1.12 ~~(2)~~ (3) "law enforcement official" means both peace officers as defined in section 626.84,  
1.13 subdivision 1, and persons employed by a law enforcement agency; and

1.14 ~~(3)~~ (4) "personal information" means a home address, directions to a home, or  
1.15 photographs of a home.

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

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

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

2.3 (b) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if the person violates paragraph (a) and  
2.4 a child, law enforcement official, or a child's or an official's family or household member  
2.5 suffers great bodily harm or death as a result of the violation.

2.6 (c) A person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this section is guilty  
2.7 of a gross misdemeanor.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2022, and applies to crimes  
2.9 committed on or after that date.