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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3749

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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; providing enhanced criminal penalty for certain violations

1.3 of coercion crime that proximately cause great bodily harm or death of victim;

1.4 providing for public awareness campaign; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022,

1.5 section 609.27, subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.27, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Sentence.** (a) Whoever violates subdivision 1 may be sentenced as follows:

1.9 (1) to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than

1.10 \$1,000, or both if neither the pecuniary gain received by the violator nor the loss suffered

1.11 by the person threatened or another as a result of the threat exceeds \$300, or the benefits

1.12 received or harm sustained are not susceptible of pecuniary measurement; or

1.13 (2) to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more

1.14 than \$10,000, or both, if such pecuniary gain or loss is more than \$300 but less than \$2,500;

1.15 or

1.16 (3) to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than

1.17 \$20,000, or both, if such pecuniary gain or loss is \$2,500, or more.

1.18 (b) A person who violates subdivision 1, clause (6), may be sentenced as provided in

1.19 paragraph (a). If the violation is the proximate cause of the victim suffering great bodily

1.20 harm or death, the person is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for

1.21 not more than 15 years, or to payment of a fine of not more than \$30,000, or both.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes  
2.2 committed on or after that date.

2.3 Sec. 2. **PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

2.4 The commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the commissioner of education,  
2.5 shall conduct a public awareness campaign to educate the public and in particular students  
2.6 in elementary, middle, and secondary schools of the change in law under section 1. This  
2.7 campaign must be conducted by September 15, 2024, and reconducted on a biennial basis.