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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 criminal justice; expanding the damage to energy transmission or  
1.3 telecommunications equipment crime; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,  
1.4 section 609.593, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.593, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Crime.** Whoever intentionally and without consent from one  
1.8 authorized to give consent causes any damage to or takes, removes, severs, or breaks:

1.9 (1) any line erected or maintained for the purpose of transmitting electricity for light,  
1.10 heat, or power, or any insulator or cross-arm, appurtenance or apparatus connected to the  
1.11 line, or any wire, cable, or current of the line;

1.12 (2) any fence or enclosure that surrounds property used in the generation,  
1.13 transmission, or distribution of electricity, or any energized equipment within the fence  
1.14 or enclosure;

1.15 (3) any component used in the generation, transmission, or distribution of electricity  
1.16 for grounding, system protection, or personnel protection;

1.17 (4) any pipe or main or hazardous liquid pipeline erected, operated, or maintained  
1.18 for the purpose of transporting, conveying, or distributing gas or other hazardous liquids  
1.19 for light, heat, power, or any other purpose, or any part of the pipe, main, or pipeline, or  
1.20 any valve, meter, holder, compressor, machinery, appurtenance, equipment, or apparatus  
1.21 connected with any main or pipeline; or

1.22 (3) (5) any machinery, equipment, or fixtures used in receiving, initiating,  
1.23 amplifying, processing, transmitting, retransmitting, recording, switching, or monitoring  
1.24 telecommunications services, such as computers, transformers, amplifiers, routers,

2.1 repeaters, multiplexers, and other items performing comparable functions; and machinery,  
2.2 equipment, and fixtures used in the transportation of telecommunications services,  
2.3 radio transmitters and receivers, satellite equipment, microwave equipment, and other  
2.4 transporting media including wire, cable, fiber, poles, and conduit; is guilty of a crime and  
2.5 may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 2.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes  
2.7 committed on or after that date.