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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2358

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy
03/05/2026 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

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; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.27, subdivision
1.4 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.27, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

1.8 (1) to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than
1.9 \$1,000, or both if neither the pecuniary gain received by the violator nor the loss suffered
1.10 by the person threatened or another as a result of the threat exceeds \$300, or the benefits
1.11 received or harm sustained are not susceptible of pecuniary measurement; or

1.12 (2) to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more
1.13 than \$10,000, or both, if such pecuniary gain or loss is more than \$300 but less than \$2,500;
1.14 or

1.15 (3) to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than
1.16 \$20,000, or both, if such pecuniary gain or loss is \$2,500, or more.

1.17 (b) A person who violates subdivision 1, clause (6), may be sentenced to imprisonment
1.18 for not more than ten years, or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both, if
1.19 the violation is a substantial factor in the victim suffering great bodily harm.

1.20 (c) A person who violates subdivision 1, clause (6), may be sentenced to imprisonment
1.21 for not more than 15 years, or to payment of a fine of not more than \$30,000, or both, if the
1.22 violation is a substantial factor in the victim suffering death.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to crimes
- 2.2 committed on or after that date.