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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2875

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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 crime; extending crime of damage or theft to telecommunications
1.3 equipment to broadband and cable services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,
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 2024, section 609.593, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Crime. Whoever intentionally and without consent from one authorized
1.8 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; or any component used in the generation,
1.12 transmission, or distribution of electricity, including equipment used for grounding, system
1.13 protection, or personnel protection;

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

1.19 (3) any machinery, equipment, or fixtures used in receiving, initiating, amplifying,
1.20 processing, transmitting, retransmitting, recording, switching, or monitoring
1.21 telecommunications services, such as computers, transformers, amplifiers, routers, repeaters,
1.22 multiplexers, and other items performing comparable functions; and machinery, equipment,
1.23 and fixtures used in the transportation of telecommunications services, broadband services,

- 2.1 cable services, radio transmitters and receivers, satellite equipment, microwave equipment,
- 2.2 and other transporting media including wire, cable, fiber, poles, and conduit;
- 2.3 is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 2.