

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; authorizing a pilot project to allow judges to order
1.3 electronic monitoring for domestic abuse offenders on pretrial release; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 629.72, subdivision 2a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 629.72, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2a. **Electronic monitoring; condition of pretrial release.** (a) Until the
1.8 commissioner of corrections has adopted standards governing electronic monitoring
1.9 devices used to protect victims of domestic abuse, the court, as a condition of release, may
1.10 not order a person arrested for a crime described in section 609.135, subdivision 5a,
1.11 paragraph (b), to use an electronic monitoring device to protect a victim's safety.

1.12 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), ~~district courts in the Tenth~~ a judicial district
1.13 may establish a pilot project to allow courts in the district to order, as a condition
1.14 of a release, a person arrested on a charge of a crime described in section 609.135,
1.15 subdivision 5a, paragraph (b), to use an electronic monitoring device to protect the
1.16 victim's safety. The chief judge of a judicial district conducting a pilot project under
1.17 this paragraph shall convene an advisory group consisting of representatives from law
1.18 enforcement, prosecutors, defense attorneys, court administrators, judges, and battered
1.19 women's organizations. A judicial district must develop standards for the use of electronic
1.20 monitoring devices to protect victims of domestic abuse, to ensure that electronic
1.21 monitoring data are only used to protect victims, and for evaluating the effectiveness of
1.22 electronic monitoring. ~~The courts~~ judicial district shall make data on the use of electronic
1.23 monitoring devices to protect a victim's safety ~~in the Tenth Judicial District~~ available to
1.24 the commissioner of corrections to evaluate and to aid in development of standards for the

2.1 use of devices to protect victims of domestic abuse. A district shall report information
2.2 on the pilot project to the state court administrator's office as directed by that office.
2.3 By January 15, 2013, the state court administrator shall report by electronic means to
2.4 the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house committees having
2.5 jurisdiction over criminal justice policy on the experience of any pilot projects established
2.6 under this paragraph.

2.7 **SUNSET.** The amendments to this section expire on January 15, 2013.