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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; criminalizing the dissemination of personal information  
1.3 about law enforcement officials in certain circumstances; proposing coding for  
1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

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

1.6 Section 1. [609.5151] DISSEMINATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT  
1.7 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS PROHIBITED; PENALTY.

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section:

1.9 (1) "immediate family member" means a law enforcement official's spouse, child, or  
1.10 parent, or any other blood relative who lives in the same residence as the law enforcement  
1.11 official;

1.12 (2) "law enforcement official" means a peace officer as defined in section 626.84,  
1.13 subdivision 1, a judge as defined in section 609.221, subdivision 2, paragraph (c), or a  
1.14 prosecutor as defined in section 609.221, subdivision 2, paragraph (c); and

1.15 (3) "personal information" means a law enforcement official's home address, home  
1.16 telephone number, personal mobile telephone number, pager number, personal e-mail  
1.17 address, personal photograph, directions to the law enforcement official's home, or  
1.18 photographs of the law enforcement official's or the official's immediate family member's  
1.19 home or vehicle.

1.20 Subd. 2. **Crime described.** It is a misdemeanor for a person to knowingly make available  
1.21 on the Internet personal information about a law enforcement official or an official's  
1.22 immediate family member, if the dissemination of the personal information poses an

2.1 imminent and serious threat to the law enforcement official's safety or the safety of a law  
2.2 enforcement official's immediate family member, and the person making the information  
2.3 available on the Internet knows or reasonably should know of the imminent and serious  
2.4 threat.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2018, and applies to crimes  
2.6 committed on or after that date.