CHAPTER 76--H.F.No. 2358

An act relating to public safety; providing enhanced criminal penalty for certain violations of coercion crime; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.27, subdivision 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presented to the governor May 6, 2026

Signed by the governor May 7, 2026, 9:19 a.m.