SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FIRST SESSION

S.F. No. 3880

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to crime; including the unauthorized copying of data stored in computers
1.3   as computer theft; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 609.87, by adding
1.4   a subdivision; 609.89, subdivision 1.

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

1.6   Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.87, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.7   to read:

1.8   Subd. 17. **Data.** "Data" means records or information in digital form on a computer or

1.9   in software that can be stored, transmitted, or processed.

1.10   Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.89, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.11   Subdivision 1. **Acts.** Whoever does any of the following is guilty of computer theft and

1.12   may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 2:

1.13   (a) (1) intentionally and without authorization or claim of right accesses or causes to be

1.14   accessed any computer, computer system, computer network or any part thereof for the

1.15   purpose of obtaining services or property; or

1.16   (b) (2) intentionally and without claim of right, and with intent to deprive the owner of

1.17   use or possession, takes, transfers, conceals or retains possession of any computer, computer

1.18   system, or any computer software or data contained in a computer, computer system, or

1.19   computer network.;

1.20   (3) intentionally and without authorization accesses or copies any computer software or

1.21   data and uses, alters, transfers, retains, or publishes the software or data; or

2.1   (4) intentionally retains copies of any computer software or data beyond the individual's

2.2   authority.

2.3   **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2020, and applies to crimes

2.4   committed on or after that date.