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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; expanding the contempt of court crime; amending
- 1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 588.20, subdivision 2.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 588.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 2. **Misdemeanor contempt.** (a) Every person who commits a contempt of court,
- 1.7 of any one of the following kinds, is guilty of a misdemeanor:
- 1.8 (1) disorderly, contemptuous, or insolent behavior, committed during the sitting of the
- 1.9 court, in its immediate view and presence, and directly tending to interrupt its proceedings,
- 1.10 or to impair the respect due to its authority;
- 1.11 (2) behavior of like character in the presence of a referee, while actually engaged in a
- 1.12 trial or hearing, pursuant to an order of court, or in the presence of a jury while actually
- 1.13 sitting for the trial of a cause, or upon an inquest or other proceeding authorized by law;
- 1.14 (3) breach of the peace, noise, or other disturbance directly tending to interrupt the
- 1.15 proceedings of a court, jury, or referee;
- 1.16 (4) willful disobedience to the lawful process or other mandate of a court other than the
- 1.17 conduct described in subdivision 1;
- 1.18 (5) resistance willfully offered to its lawful process or other mandate other than the
- 1.19 conduct described in subdivision 1;
- 1.20 (6) contumacious and unlawful refusal to be sworn as a witness, or, after being sworn,
- 1.21 to answer any legal and proper interrogatory;

- 2.1 (7) publication of a false or grossly inaccurate report of its proceedings; ~~or~~
- 2.2 (8) willful failure to pay court-ordered child support when the obligor has the ability to
- 2.3 pay; or
- 2.4 (9) willful violation of a geographic restriction issued by the court as an order or condition
- 2.5 of probation or pretrial release.
- 2.6 (b) For purposes of paragraph (a), clause (9), "geographic restriction" means an order
- 2.7 or condition that prohibits a person from entering a designated property or geographic area.
- 2.8 (c) No person may be punished as provided in this subdivision for publishing a true,
- 2.9 full, and fair report of a trial, argument, decision, or other court proceeding.
- 2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to crimes
- 2.11 committed on or after that date.