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This bill expands the crime of damaging or stealing energy transmission equipment to include any component used in the generation, transmission, or distribution of electricity, including equipment for grounding, system protection, or personnel protection. Currently, the statutory protections are limited to lines that transmit electricity and any connecting apparatus. The maximum penalty is a five-year felony.