

Subject Including aggravated first-degree witness tampering as a violent crime

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Overview

Minnesota law identifies certain offenses as violent crimes for purposes including background checks and penalty enhancements. Many of those lists include the crime of first-degree witness tampering. In 1997, the legislature added the offense of aggravated first-degree witness tampering but did not add that new offense to many of the lists that identify violent crimes. As a result, some lists in statute identify the less serious “first-degree witness tampering” as a violent crime but do not include the more serious offense of “aggravated first-degree witness tampering.” This bill adds aggravated first-degree witness tampering to the lists that include first-degree witness tampering.

Summary

| Section | Description |
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| 1 | Prohibited conduct. |
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Adds the crime of aggravated first-degree witness tampering to the list of offenses described as crimes against a person that justify disciplinary action against any unlicensed complementary and alternative health care practitioner.

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| 2 | Definition. |
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Adds the crime of aggravated first-degree witness tampering to the list of offenses in the definition of “crime against the person” for the purposes of the statutes addressing predatory offender registration.

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| 3 | Definition. |
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Adds the crime of aggravated first-degree witness tampering to the list of offenses in the definition of “violent crime” for purposes of increasing sentences for certain dangerous and repeat felony offenders.



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