

Subject Enhancing penalties for coercion resulting in great bodily harm or death

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Overview

Minnesota's coercion statute is more commonly known as blackmail. The law establishes criminal penalties for causing another to pay money or commit, or refrain from committing, some act. A person can commit the crime by threatening to violate the state's laws prohibiting the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images.

This bill creates enhanced penalties when the threat to disseminate private sexual images is a substantial contributing factor in the victim sustaining great bodily harm or death.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Sentence.
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	Establishes that a person who violates the prohibition on coercion by threatening the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment of up to ten years if the threat is a substantial factor in the victim sustaining great bodily harm. Establishes that the penalty increases to up to 15 years if the violation is a substantial factor in the victim suffering death.
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