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S.F. No. 3709 - Aggravated first-degree witness tampering added to definitions

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SF No. 3709 adds the aggravated first-degree witness tampering crime to the definitions of “crime against a person” in **section 1** (Minnesota Statutes, sections 146A.08 (disciplinary actions against unlicensed complementary and alternative health care practitioners)) and **section 2** (Minnesota Statutes, section 243.167 (predatory offender registration)), and to the definition of “violent crime” in **section 3** (Minnesota Statutes, section 609.1095 (increased sentences for certain dangerous and repeat felony offenders)).

These three statutory definitions all include first-degree witness tampering but not the more serious crime of aggravated first-degree witness tampering. Not including the more serious crime was likely an oversight when the aggravated first-degree witness tampering crime was enacted in 1997.