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A bill for an act
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relating to political activity; prohibiting reprisals for refusing to communicate with
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public or local officials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.36.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.36, is amended to read:
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10A.36 REPRISALS PROHIBITED; PENALTY.
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(a) An individual or association must not engage in economic reprisals or threaten loss
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of employment or physical coercion against an individual or association because of that
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individual's or association's:
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(1) political contributions or political activity; or
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(2) refusal to communicate with public or local officials about a legislative or
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administrative action or the official action of a political subdivision.
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(b) This ~~subdivision~~ section does not apply to compensation for employment or loss of
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employment if the political affiliation or viewpoint of the employee is a bona fide
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occupational qualification of the employment.
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(c) An individual or association that violates this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.