



S.F. No. 281 – Increasing Penalties for Certain Coercion Crime Violations, Public Awareness Campaign

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S.F. No. 281 amends the coercion crime. Coercion currently includes, among other prohibited conduct, threatening to violate the nonconsensual dissemination of private images crime (Minnesota Statutes, section 617.261) and thereby causing another, against their will, to do any act or forbear doing a lawful act. Penalties range from a misdemeanor up to a ten year/\$20k felony. This bill (**section 1**) makes this conduct a 15 year/\$30k felony if the violation is the proximate cause of the victim suffering great bodily harm or death. Also requires (**section 2**) the commissioner of public safety to conduct a public awareness campaign on the new criminal penalty.

