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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. **2774**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; modifying penalties for coercion; amending Minnesota  
1.3 Statutes 2018, section 609.27, subdivision 2.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.27, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Sentence.** Whoever violates subdivision 1 may be sentenced as follows:

1.7 (1) to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than  
1.8 \$1,000, or both if neither the pecuniary gain received by the violator nor the loss suffered  
1.9 by the person threatened or another as a result of the threat exceeds \$300, or the benefits  
1.10 received or harm sustained are not susceptible of pecuniary measurement; or

1.11 (2) to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more  
1.12 than \$10,000, or both, if such pecuniary gain or loss is more than \$300 but less than \$2,500;  
1.13 or

1.14 (3) to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than  
1.15 \$20,000, or both, if such pecuniary gain or loss is \$2,500, or more, or if the person violates  
1.16 subdivision 1 with the intent to involve another person in financial misconduct as defined  
1.17 in section 245E.01, subdivision 8.