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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to crime; providing for the crime of digital picture and recording  
1.3 misrepresentation; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
1.4 609.

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

1.6 Section 1. [609.8915] DIGITAL PICTURE AND RECORDING  
1.7 MISREPRESENTATION.

1.8 (a) A person is guilty of digital picture and recording misrepresentation if the person  
1.9 intentionally alters a digital picture or recording of another person or owned by another  
1.10 person:

1.11 (1) without obtaining the subject person's or owner's consent;

1.12 (2) with the intent to cause a recipient of the altered digital picture or recording to  
1.13 reasonably believe that the subject person or owner authorized or transmitted the digital  
1.14 picture or recording by a means including, at a minimum, e-mail, text message, or posting  
1.15 on the Internet; and

1.16 (3) with the intent to harm, defraud, or maliciously misrepresent:

1.17 (i) the subject person or owner; or

1.18 (ii) an event presented, attended, or both, by the subject person or owner, or personal or  
1.19 real property owned by the subject person or owner.

1.20 (b) A person who violates paragraph (a) is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021, and applies to crimes
- 2.2 committed on or after that date.