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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to crimes; including false police and fire emergency calls as misdemeanor
1.3 offense; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.78, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.78, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Misdemeanor offenses.** Whoever does the following is guilty of a
1.7 misdemeanor:

1.8 (1) refuses to relinquish immediately a coin-operated telephone or a telephone
1.9 line consisting of two or more stations when informed that the line is needed to make
1.10 an emergency call;

1.11 (2) secures a relinquishment of a coin-operated telephone or a telephone line
1.12 consisting of two or more stations by falsely stating that the line is needed for an
1.13 emergency;

1.14 (3) publishes telephone directories to be used for telephones or telephone lines and
1.15 the directories do not contain a copy of this section;

1.16 (4) makes a call for emergency police, fire, medical, or ambulance service, knowing
1.17 that no police, fire, or medical emergency exists; or

1.18 (5) interrupts, disrupts, impedes, or otherwise interferes with the transmission of a
1.19 citizen's band radio channel communication the purpose of which is to inform or inquire
1.20 about a medical emergency or an emergency in which property is or is reasonably believed
1.21 to be in imminent danger of damage or destruction.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2008, and applies to crimes
1.23 committed on or after that date.