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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring law enforcement to provide violent crime
1.3 alerts to citizens who request notification; requiring crime alerts to be distributed
1.4 in a format that disabled citizens can access; proposing coding for new law in
1.5 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 611A.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[611A.0393] CRIME ALERTS; VIOLENT CRIMES; DISABLED**
1.8 **ACCESS.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section, "crime of violence" has the
1.10 meaning given in section 624.712, subdivision 5.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Violent crime alerts.** When a crime of violence occurs in a law
1.12 enforcement agency's jurisdiction, the agency must provide a timely crime alert to each
1.13 citizen who has submitted a prior written request, on a form provided by the agency, to
1.14 receive notice of crimes of violence.

1.15 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** (a) A law enforcement agency is not required to provide the
1.16 notice required in subdivision 2 in cases where notice will compromise an active criminal
1.17 investigation or endanger public safety.

1.18 (b) A law enforcement agency is not obligated to provide notice under subdivision
1.19 2 to persons who do not live in the agency's jurisdiction.

1.20 Subd. 4. **Form of alert; disabled access.** A law enforcement agency must provide
1.21 the notice required under subdivision 2 via electronic mail and any other form the agency
1.22 deems appropriate. The alerts and any accompanying documents must be in a form that a
1.23 disabled person can access with commercially available text-based screen reader software.

1.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009.