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S.F. No. 1110 – Establishing neurotechnology rights

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Summary

Section 1. Right to mental data. Amends the Minnesota Government Data Privacy Act. Provides that an individual has the right to mental privacy and cognitive liberty. Prohibits a government entity from collecting data transcribed directly from brain activity and interfering with the free and competent decision making of an individual when making neurotechnology decisions.

Section 2. Neurotechnology.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. Defines "brain-computer interface," "consciousness bypass," and "neurotechnology."

- **Subd. 2. Neurotechnology rights.** Provides that an individual has the right to: (1) change a decision regarding neurotechnology and to determine the means to change that decision; (2) mental integrity and protection from neurotechnological interventions of the mind or unauthorized access to an individual's brain activity; and (3) psychological continuity and protection from unauthorized neurotechnological alterations in mental functions critical to personality.
- **Subd. 3. Data collection consent.** Requires a company that records and stores data via a brain-computer interface to provide the following notice to the users: (1) the uses that the data may be used for by the company; and (2) the third parties that will receive the data. Requires that the individual provide consent for each use and sharing with a third party using a separate consent form for each use and each third party.
- **Subd. 4. Consciousness bypass prohibition.** Prohibits a company from using a brain-computer interface to bypass conscious decision-making. Provides an exemption if an individual provides informed consent before a medical procedure designed to bypass conscious decision-making.

Subd. 5. Enforcement; civil penalty. Imposes a civil penalty of \$10,000 per incident if a company violates subdivision 3 or 4 and authorizes the attorney general to recover the penalties.

Section 3. Penalty. Provides that a person who damages, destroys, or alters a computer having a brain-computer interface may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than ten years or a payment of a fine not to exceed \$50,000, or both.

Section 4. Gross misdemeanor. Provides that a person who commits the crime of unauthorized computer access and gains access to a system that includes a brain-computer interface is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.