

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 597**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; clarifying that there is no duty to retreat before making  
1.3 a threat to use force in self-defense in certain circumstances; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2024, section 609.06, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.06, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. No duty to retreat under certain circumstances; threats of using force. A  
1.9 person authorized to use force in compliance with subdivision 1, clause (3), is not required  
1.10 to retreat, even if there is an opportunity to do so, before making a reasonable threat to use  
1.11 force.

1.12 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.