

## 2025 Legislative Session MCPA Update

### Week of February 10

#### Overview

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The week of February 10<sup>th</sup> finally felt like a traditional week at the Capitol with both the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Senate convening on the floor and holding committee hearings. This was the first week the House carried out its agreement between the caucuses with Lisa Demuth serving as Speaker of the House, and Republicans holding the gavel for their respective committee chairs.

On Thursday, U.S. Senator Tina Smith announced she will not seek re-election in 2026. This is not directly correlated with the Minnesota Legislature; however, several potential candidates could cause a shakeup in state government if they are nominated. Soon after Senator Smith announced, Minnesota's Lieutenant Governor, Peggy Flanagan, announced she plans to run for the U.S. Senate seat. There has also been rumors of some Republican state senators and representatives that plan to run for the open seat come 2026.

#### Public Safety Committees

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The Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee's Wednesday hearing was informational for the following fleeing bills.

- [SF323 \(Coleman\)](#) Crime of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle modified to add a heightened penalty for fleeing in a culpably negligent manner
- [SF1224 \(Latz\)](#) Fleeing from a peace officer crime provisions modifications
- [SF191 \(Gustafson\)](#) Crime of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle modification - *MCPA bill*

The informational hearing included a walkthrough of each bill, the differences and similarities between the three, and public testimony. From MCPA, Chief Henthorne and Director Potts provided testimony on SF 191 as to why this bill would improve public safety on roads by minimizing the likelihood of a high speed chase along with how the use of a mobile tracking device would empower law enforcement agencies with the means to manage threats and reduce risks.

The House Public Safety Committee started the week by hearing [HF 7](#). This bill modifies various public safety provisions in existing law related to data held by law enforcement agencies, agency custody notice requirements, mandatory minimum sentences, stays of adjudication, the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, legislative approval of Sentencing Guidelines, dismissing of charges, liability and vicarious liability, crime for trespass recruiting or educating, assaulting a police officer, fleeing in a motor vehicle, stolen motor vehicles, obstructing traffic, tracking devices, criminal penalties. There was no action taken on any of the fleeing legislation during the committee.

The bill received public testimony from law enforcement groups on sections of the bill that relate to their association's legislative priorities for this year. The Democrats on the committee raised many concerns with the legislation as presented before the committee; even so, the bill was passed out of

the Public Safety Committee on a party line vote and referred to the Judiciary and Civil Law Committee.

**Next week:**

The Senate committee will hear the following bills on Monday: [SF 0737 \(Housley\)](#) Mandatory fines enactment for violations of the school bus stop arm law and [SF 0505 \(Mohamed\)](#) Definition modification of investor seller. Following this week’s passage out of the Public Safety Committee, [HF 7](#) with the Republicans public safety priorities will be heard in Judiciary and Civil Law Committee on Tuesday.

**Bills of Interest**

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**Brady Giglio**

[SF599](#) Brady-Giglio designation for peace officers provision

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

**Fleeing**

*MCPA legislation on fleeing an officer and increasing the penalty*

[SF191](#) Crime of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle modification

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

[SF323](#) Crime of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle modified to add a heightened penalty for fleeing in a culpably negligent manner.

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

[SF758](#) Crime of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle modification to add a heightened penalty for fleeing in a negligent manner

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

[SF1224](#) Fleeing from a peace officer crime provisions modifications

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

**Benefits and Training**

[SF356](#) Public employees police and fire retirement plan; reemployment earnings limit applicable to disability benefit payments increased.

- Referred to State and Local Government

[SF458](#) Law on use of force in defense of home and person clarified, Minnesota's self-defense and defense of home laws codified and extended, common law duty to retreat eliminated, boundaries of dwelling expanded, presumption created, and rights extended to others defending against entry.

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

[SF325](#) Peace officer exclusion from discipline for inclusion on the Brady-Giglio lists; Brady-Giglio lists examination task force establishment

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF409 Law clarification on use of force in defense of home and person

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF511 Firearm safety training requirement for persons purchasing firearms provision, firearm sales records retention requirement provision, and criminal penalties provision

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF679 Mental health services and outdoor activities for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency services personnel

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF692 Use of force training reimbursement program establishment and appropriation

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF746 Peace officer requirement to be United States citizens

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1103 Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act Repealer

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1122 Public employees postretirement adjustments increase

- Referred to State and Local Government

### **Firearm Permitting and Storage**

SF438 Minnesota Personal Protection Act amended, lifetime permits to carry handguns created, and application fee for permits to carry reduced.

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF712 Right to carry a gun without a permit authorization; optional permit to carry establishment

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF713 Permitted and trained school staff carrying of firearms authorization

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF462 Certain retired law enforcement officers permitted to carry firearms in schools.

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF352 Constitutional right to carry a firearm recognized.

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF278 Noncitizen permit to carry applicants background check information scope expansion provision

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF280 Right to carry without a permit provision and optional permit to carry provision

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF327 Lawful carry and possession of firearms at the State Fairgrounds establishment

- Referred to Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development

SF576 Firearm permits to carry authorization without expiration

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF590 Permit to carry pistol age of eligibility to apply at 18 years old establishment

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF658 Person who steals a firearm requirement to report the theft promptly to law enforcement

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF667 Definition modification of crime of violence for firearms crimes

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF784 Judicially ordered firearms restrictions for abusing parties enforcement provision

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF846 Right to carry without a permit provision

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF759 Disarming of peace officers who are in good standing by local units of government prohibition provision

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF513 Department of Health office of gun violence prevention establishment and appropriation

- Referred to Health and Human Services

SF1221 State Fairgrounds lawful carry and possession of firearms authorization provision

- Last Action: Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1390 Certain retired peace officers possession of firearms in the Capitol complex authorization

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

### **Public Safety Facilities**

SF386 Public safety radio grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

- Referred to Public Safety Finance and Policy

SF369 Lakes Area Police Commission new regional training and public safety facility funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

- Referred to Capital Investment

SF318 Wyoming; public safety facility funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

- Referred to Capital Investment

SF729 Owatonna regional public safety facility bond issue and appropriation

- Referred to Capital Investment

SF528 Biwabik public safety facility bond issue and appropriation

- Referred to Capital Investment

SF1065 Portage public safety facility bond issue and appropriation

- Referred to Capital Investment

### **Self Defense**

SF76 Clarifying, codifying, and extending Minnesota's self-defense laws and modifying self-defense provisions

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF311 Self-defense use of force provisions modifications

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1196 Law clarification on use of force in self-defense

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

### **Misc.**

SF322 Data held by law enforcement agencies regarding the person or entity that posted bail is public authorization; notice to the agency custody of the arrested or detained person when bail or a bond is posted requirement

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF625 Law enforcement use of unmanned aerial vehicles to find missing persons, persons fleeing arrest and incarcerated persons authorization

- Introduction and first reading and referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF638 Being in a stolen motor vehicle prohibition

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF206 Felony murder and aiding and abetting murder provisions modification, certain retroactive relief for certain aiding and abetting murder convictions authorization, and aiding and abetting felony murder task force revival

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF754 Penalty enhancement for assaulting a police officer

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF763 Public Safety Council elimination provision

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF793 Volunteer first responders warning lights on personal vehicles when responding to a call specification provision

- Referred to Transportation

SF856 Office of the Inspector General creation

- Referred to State and Local Government

SF967 Criminal penalties for crimes committed because of the victim's political affiliation or beliefs modification

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1067 Process provision to review case files of cold case homicides at the request of certain family members and to potentially conduct reinvestigations of these cases

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1088 Law clarification on use of force in defense of home and person

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1098 Claim amount for mandatory binding arbitration modification; certification of certain juvenile court expenses authorization; filing, copying and printing of certain court papers modification; appropriating money

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1219 Office of the Inspector General establishment; requiring a fraud hotline; Requiring agencies to halt payment when fraud is suspected; elimination of agency based offices of inspector general; appropriation

- Referred to State and Local Government (February 10, 2025 in the Senate)

SF1242 Facial Recognition Technology Warrant Act of 2025

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1266 Acceptance of certain gifts permission related to a line of duty death of a public safety officer

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1280 Local government prohibition from enacting policies refusing to enforce traffic regulations

- Referred to Transportation

SF1296 Trafficking data yearly reporting requirement provision

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1363 Various public safety provisions modifications

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1367 Arson directed at a political organization or motivated by a political purpose penalty enhancement

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1369 County attorneys recording and reporting reason for dismissing charges requirement; Sentencing Guidelines Commission reporting information on dismissals to the legislature requirement; county attorneys posting information dismissals on a publicly accessible website requirement

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1370 Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission meetings to be recorded and made available to the public requirement

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1371 Sentencing Guidelines proposed changes legislative approval requirement

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1372 Sentencing Guidelines Commission maintenance of a publicly searchable database requirement; appropriating money

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1373 Driver's license suspension expansion to include all cases where a person is believed to have committed vehicular homicide or criminal vehicular operation; peace officer reporting in all cases where a person is believed to have committed criminal vehicular homicide or criminal vehicular operation

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

SF1374 Minimum fines and penalty enhancement for violations of driving without a valid license authorization

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety