

2025 Legislative Session MCPA Update

Week of February 17

Overview

Things continue to pick up speed in the Minnesota House with Republican-chaired committee hearings on all areas of interest in an effort to get the GOP Caucus priorities through the committee process and sent to the House floor. Early voting begins Friday, Feb. 21st in the special election for House District 40B, which includes parts of Roseville and Shoreview. Voters will decide between Democrat David Gottfried and Republican Paul Wikstrom. This district is likely to be a democratic win and will confirm if the House becomes tied again or if Republicans take control.

House legislators debated, rejected and tabled their first bill on the House floor this week. [HF20](#) would make data collected by the attorney general's office classified as private only if it were truly data "on individuals." After it failed to receive the 68 votes needed to pass, a motion to reconsider the bill prevailed and the bill was then tabled on a split-voice vote.

The Minnesota Senate did not hear any bills on the Senate floor this week and on Thursday spent the floor session discussing a Senate Resolution to provide members of the Senate with a postal service budget.

Public Safety Committees

On Monday the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee heard [SF 0737 \(Housley\)](#), Mandatory fines enactment for violations of the school bus stop arm law, and [SF 0505 \(Mohamed\)](#), Definition modification of investor seller. The first bill was laid over for further discussion and the second bill passed out of committee and is on to its next stop, the Senate floor. On Wednesday, the committee heard [SF 0472 \(Kunesh\)](#), Office of Ombudsperson for American Indian Families court fee requirement exemption prevention, and it was passed out of committee and sent to the Senate floor. The Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee also heard [SF 1119 \(Maye Quade\)](#), that would prohibit access to nudification technology. After a lengthy discussion the bill was laid over to be further considered at a later date.

Over in the House, [HF 7](#) with the Republicans public safety priorities was heard in Judiciary and Civil Law Committee on Tuesday. The bill received an in-depth discussion on the section that would amend existing law by creating an additional exemption to a peace officers ability to utilize a mobile tracking device. The bill passed out of Judiciary Committee and will be sent back to the House Public Safety Committee for further consideration focused on any new provisions from Judiciary and financial sections with an updated fiscal note.

In the House Public Safety Committee, the following bills were heard:

- [HF341](#) (Heintzeman) Penalties enhanced and minimum fines established for repeat violations of driving without a valid license.
 - o ACTION: Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy Committee.
- [HF750](#) (Robbins) Driver's license suspensions expanded to include all cases where a person is believed to have committed criminal vehicular homicide or criminal vehicular operation,

and peace officers required to report all cases where a person is believed to have committed vehicular homicide or criminal vehicular operation.

- ACTION: Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy Committee.
- [HF491](#) (Hill) Law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel provided funding for mental health services and outdoor activities, and money appropriated.
 - ACTION: Laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus.
- [HF124](#) (Berg) Acceptance of certain gifts related to a line of duty death of a public safety officer allowed.
 - ACTION: Referred to Elections and Government Operations Committee.
- [HF541](#) (Stier) Reimbursement program established for use of force training, and money appropriated.
 - ACTION: Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee.
- [HF340](#) (Stier) Crime of fleeing peace officer in motor vehicle modified to add heightened penalty for fleeing in culpably negligent manner, crime of fleeing in motor vehicle and failing to obey certain traffic laws established, and expanded use of tracking devices authorized.
 - ACTION: Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy Committee.
- [HF962](#) (Novotny) Brady-Giglio Task Force. *Note: [HF962](#) will be the vehicle bill for a delete-all amendment on a Brady-Giglio policy bill. The delete-all will be posted as soon as it is available.*
 - ACTION: Laid over for further discussion at next committee meeting.

Legislation of Interest

Full report of legislation tracked for MCPA

Brady Giglio

[SF325](#) (Koran) / [HF962](#) (Novotny) Peace officer exclusion from discipline for inclusion on the Brady-Giglio lists; Brady-Giglio lists examination task force establishment.

Actions:

February 19, 2025

Authors added Wolgamott, Robbins (in the House)

January 21, 2025

Introduction and first reading. Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety (in the Senate)

Scheduled hearing on February 26 (in the Senate)

[SF599](#) (Seeberger) / [HF1116](#) (Duran) Brady-Giglio designation for peace officers provided.

Actions:

February 19, 2025

Introduction and first reading, referred to Public Safety Finance and Policy (in the House)

February 20, 2025

pg. 463. Scheduled hearing on February 26 (in the Senate)

S.F1813 (Westlin) Brady-Giglio lists prosecuting agencies guidelines and process provision

Actions:

February 24, 2025

Introduction and first reading. Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety (in the Senate)

Scheduled hearing on February 26 (in the Senate)

Fleeing

HF1119 (Duran) Crime of fleeing in a motor vehicle and failing to obey traffic laws established.

Actions:

February 19, 2025

Introduction and first reading, referred to Public Safety Finance and Policy (in the House)

SF191 (Gustafson) / HF340 (Stier) Crime of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle modification

Actions:

January 16, 2025

Introduction and first reading. Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety (in the Senate)

February 13, 2025

Introduction and first reading, referred to Public Safety Finance and Policy (in the House)

SF323 (Coleman) / HF332 (Engen) Crime of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle modification to add a heightened penalty for fleeing in a culpably negligent manner

Actions:

January 21, 2025

Introduction and first reading. Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety (in the Senate)

February 13, 2025

Introduction and first reading, referred to Public Safety Finance and Policy (in the House)

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

Actions:

January 30, 2025

Introduction and first reading. Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety (in the Senate)

SF1224 (Latz) Fleeing from a peace officer crime provisions modifications

Actions:

February 10, 2025

Introduction and first reading. Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety (in the Senate)

Use of Force

SF311 (Koran) / HF705 (Davis) Self-defense use of force provisions modifications

Actions:

January 27, 2025

pg. 199 (in the Senate)

February 13, 2025

Introduction and first reading, referred to Public Safety Finance and Policy (in the House)

SF692 (Rasmusson) / HF541 (Stier) Use of force training reimbursement program establishment and appropriation

Actions:

January 27, 2025

Introduction and first reading. Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety (in the Senate)

February 13, 2025

Introduction and first reading, referred to Public Safety Finance and Policy (in the House)

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

Actions:

February 6, 2025

Introduction and first reading. Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety (in the Senate)

SF1196 (Lieske) Law clarification on use of force in self-defense

Actions:

February 10, 2025

Introduction and first reading. Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety (in the Senate)