

## 2025 Legislative Session MCPA Update

### Week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Overview

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On Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> the House Democrats returned to the chamber after refusing to come to the Capitol for nearly four weeks. Both parties have come to a power sharing agreement for the next two years. The agreement includes Republicans naming a speaker for the next two years and republicans to chair all House committees for the next month while they hold a 67-66 advantage. There will be some limitations on Demuth's power as speaker, and it requires 68 votes to pass any bill in the chamber, meaning proposals in the chamber must have bipartisan support.

This week Governor Walz called for a special election on March 11<sup>th</sup> for the safely blue Roseville-area seat. If voter turnout is as expected and the Democratic candidate wins, the chamber will be tied, 67-67. Once the House is evenly divided, Democrats and Republicans will co-chair the committees under the deal. The agreement also consists of former Democratic Speaker Hortman, who served as House speaker for the past six years, stepping back from the speakership in order to seat Rep. Brad Tabke, DFL-Shakopee.

Both Speaker Demuth and Leader Hortman have both noted the major work of this session will be passing a two-year budget agreement before the constitutional deadline to adjourn in May. Minnesota has a small projected surplus for the current two-year budget but is facing a possible \$5.1 billion deficit in 2028-2029.

#### Public Safety Committees

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The Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee met on Monday. The committee heard several bills under the committee's jurisdiction and heard a presentation by the MN Department of Corrections on a departmental overview. Wednesday's hearing had presentations from MCPA and MPPOA on each association's legislative priorities for the year. MCPA's Chief Jay Henthorne testified to walk through the associations priorities and share challenges the industry continues to face.

With the new House agreement, the House Republican lead, Rep. Novotny, on Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee will hold a hearing next week on the caucus public safety priorities legislation, [HF 7](#).

The Senate Public Safety and Judiciary Committee is also scheduled to meet on Monday to hear presentations from the Department of Public Safety and from survivor support groups.

#### 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

### **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

SF1122 Public employees postretirement adjustments increase

- Referred to State and Local Government

SF1103 Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act Repealer

- Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

### **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

**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

**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