

2026 Legislative Session MCPA Update

Week of March 9

Overview

The most notable hearing of the week was the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee's Friday hearing where they debated more than a dozen bills aimed to prevent gun violence. The hearing was the most recent on the Democratic Caucuses' priority to address gun violence.

The policy committees in the House and Senate continue to meet ahead of the March 27 deadline when policy bills must pass all committees of jurisdiction in both the House and Senate to be considered for final passage by the end of session.

The legislative breaks for this session are listed below:

- **Eid Break:** Begins March 19 at 8:00 a.m. and resumes March 20 at 8:00 a.m.
- **Committee Deadline 1 & 2 (Policy):** March 27 at 5 p.m.
- **Easter/Passover Break:** Begins March 27 at 5:00 p.m. and resumes April 7 at 8:00 a.m.
- **Committee Deadline 3 (Finance):** April 17 at 5 p.m.

Committees of Interest

House Public Safety Committee

The bills most of interest to MCPA that the committee heard on Tuesday began with [H.F. 3782](#) (Moller) that would require disclosure of chemical irritants used in certain buildings. The bill was brought forward in response to challenges the Hortman children faced with clean up at their parent's home following the murder of Mark and Melissa Hortman in June 2025. The [DE2 author's amendment](#), which was adopted, revised the original bill language to include a definition, notice-of-use requirements, and a standard notification form section. The bill passed as amended and was referred to the House Judiciary and Civil Law Committee.

The remainder of the hearing was mostly focused on firearms in coordination with domestic violence cases. [H.F. 4075](#) (Moller) establishes a uniform procedure for the imposition, implementation, and oversight of firearm restrictions resulting from certain criminal convictions and judicial orders. Executive Director Potts testified on the bill, expressing support for its concept while raising concerns about the lack of funding available for law enforcement agencies to store firearms after dispossession as referenced in the bill; MCPA offered to continue collaborating with the author on the legislative language. The [A1 author's amendment](#), which was adopted, adds a definition for "local law enforcement agency" and clarifies who may charge a reasonable fee to store temporarily transferred firearms. The bill passed as amended and was referred to the House Judiciary and Civil Law Committee.

Similar to the previous bill, [H.F. 391](#) (Scott) provides for enforcement of judicially ordered firearm restrictions for abusing parties. The adopted [DE1 author's amendment](#) adds a section regarding compliance hearings, immunity, sanctions, and protections. The bill passed as amended and was referred to the House Judiciary and Civil Law Committee. Due to the similarities between H.F. 4075 and H.F. 391, the authors discussed the possibility of combining the bills in the next committee stop.

The next bill [H.F. 3946](#) (Moller) modifies the definition of domestic abuse for purposes of obtaining an order for protection, requires law enforcement agencies to report information in domestic abuse cases, authorizes certain arrests for suspected nonfelony domestic abuse, modifies additional domestic abuse provisions, and appropriates funding. The [A2 author's amendment](#), which was adopted, makes technical changes and removes the definitions section. The bill passed as amended and was referred to the House Judiciary and Civil Law Committee.

Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

On Monday the committee heard [S.F. 1120](#) (Maye Quade) that would prohibit government entities from requesting or obtaining reverse-location information. The [A1 author's amendment](#) was offered and adopted to make technical changes to the bill. MCPA President and Richfield Chief Jay Henthorne testified in opposition to the bill and shared with the committee instances the technology and information is utilized in a lawful way authorized by a judicial warrant. MCPA also submitted a [letter in opposition](#) to the bill for written testimony. The bill was laid on the table for further discussion at a later date.

On Friday, the committee met from 8:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., primarily hearing legislation brought forward in response to the horrific events this summer such as the Annunciation Catholic Church shooting and the Hortman assassination. MCPA offered a [letter of support](#) for [S.F. 3929](#) (Seeberger) that would authorize chiefs of police and sheriffs to open certain expunged records to determine eligibility to purchase, receive, or carry a firearm. The bill also received in-person testimony from Sheriff Scott Hable from Renville County on behalf of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association in support of the bill. The bill was passed out of the committee and sent to the Senate floor for final passage.

The following bills were also heard on Friday and received many hours of public testimony from an array of stakeholders:

[S.F. 3655](#) (Mohamed) Possession of semiautomatic military-style assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition magazines banishment.

- *Passed as amended and referred to Finance Committee*

[S.F. 3836](#) (Latz) Public and extending retention requirements for certain firearm permit data classification.

- *Passed and referred to Finance Committee*

[S.F. 3837](#) (Latz) Extreme risk protection orders public awareness campaign appropriation.

- Amended to appropriate \$100,000 to the campaign
- *As amended, laid over*

[S.F. 3561](#) (Howe) Reporting requirement on accidental discharges of firearms by peace officers.

- *Passed as amended and sent to the Senate floor*

[S.F. 2546](#) (Seeberger) High-fidelity wraparound grants establishment; mental health services for incarcerated youth authorization; appropriating money.

- *Taken from the table and amended then laid over*

[S.F. 2320](#) (Pappas) Local governmental units authorization to prohibit or restrict the possession of dangerous weapons, ammunition, or explosives in local government-owned or leased buildings and land.

- *Passed as amended and referred to the Finance Committee*

[S.F. 0513](#) (Mann) Department of Health office of gun violence prevention establishment and appropriation.

- *Passed as amended and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee*

[S.F. 3648](#) (Draheim) Additional school safety specialists appropriation.

- *Passed and referred to the Finance Committee*

[S.F. 3572](#) (Cwodzinski) Circumstances when firearms are permitted on school property modification.

- *Passed as amended and referred to the Education Policy Committee.*

[S.F. 3825](#) (Limmer) Requirement that loaded firearms be stored in locations where persons prohibited from possessing firearms cannot access the firearms.

- *Passed and sent to the Senate floor*

[S.F. 2228](#) (Limmer) Violent crime enforcement teams appropriation.

- *Passed as amended and referred to the Finance Committee*

[S.F. 3901](#) (Champion) School safety threat assessment pilot project establishment and appropriation.

- *Passed and referred to the Finance Committee*

[S.F. 4200](#) (Gustafson) Reenact the 2024 amendment to the definition of trigger activator.

- *Passed as amended and sent to the Senate floor*

[S.F. 3347](#) (Clark) Minnesota clearance grant program provision, law enforcement solve rate of crimes involving nonfatal shootings increase provision, and appropriation.

- *Passed as amended and referred to the State and Local Government Committee*

[S.F. 3631](#) (Westlin) Capitol complex dangerous weapons prohibition provision.

- *As amended, laid over*

The Week Ahead

The following committees of interest have released agendas with legislation relevant to MCPA legislation priorities.

Monday

Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Agenda:

- [S.F. 3622](#) (Kreun) Minnesota Common Interest Ownership Act technical and conforming changes.

- [S.F. 4115](#) (Limmer) A resolution condemning Hinduphobia and anti-Hindu and reaffirming Minnesota's commitment to religious freedom, inclusion, and mutual respect.
- [S.F. 3827](#) (Limmer) Eligibility modification of certain applicants for licenses to serve as private detectives or protective agents
- [S.F. 1856](#) (Maye Quade) Usage of artificial intelligence in the utilization review process prohibition provision
- [S.F. 1857](#) (Maye Quade) Minor access to chatbots for recreational purposes by persons prohibition provision
- [S.F. 1886](#) (Maye Quade) Individual communication with artificial intelligence disclosure requirement provision
- [S.F. 3098](#) (Maye Quade) Prohibition from using artificial intelligence to dynamically set product prices
- [S.F. 3661](#) (Latz) Prohibit the sale and possession of ghost guns

Tuesday

House Judiciary and Civil Law Committee

Democratic Co-Chair Tina Liebling will hold the gavel

Agenda:

- [H.F. 3479](#) (Freiberg): Right to postpone a mortgage sale clarified.
- [H.F. 4205](#) (Tabke): Automated license plate reader data restrictions enhanced, data centralized in Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and use of automated license plate readers by private entities regulated.
- [H.F. 3782](#) (Moller): Disclosure of chemical irritants used in certain buildings required.
- [H.F. 4081](#) (Greenman): Possession of semiautomatic military-style assault weapons banned, and criminal penalties provided.
- [H.F. 4138](#) (Scott): Requirements for social media platforms related to accounts for minors established, and enforcement mechanisms for regulations on child social media accounts established.

House Public Safety Committee

Democratic Co-Chair Kelly Moller will hold the gavel

Agenda:

- [H.F. 3771](#) (Johnson, P) Reporting date on the disaster assistance contingency account.
- [H.F. 3658](#) (Frazier) Processes for applying for, securing, and enforcing extreme risk protection orders modified.
- [H.F. 3453](#) (Hanson, J) Legal age to possess kratom established as 21 years of age or older.
- [H.F. 3358](#) (Finke) Detention and transport of suspects in vehicles that are not designed for detaining humans and designated as law enforcement vehicles prohibited.
- [H.F. 1775](#) (Pinto) Criminal case information reporting required, and money appropriated.

Wednesday

Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Agenda:

- [S.F. 3338](#) (Duckworth) Gift card fraud inclusion in organized retail theft.
- [S.F. 3872](#) (Oumou Verbeten) Research data protection provision for data on individuals.

- [S.F. 4145](#) (Clark) Landlords prohibition from listing the name of a minor child of a tenant in a lease or eviction complaint.
- [S.F. 3958](#) (Clark) Disaster assistance contingency account reporting date modification.
- [S.F. 3907](#) (Gustafson) Remedy establishment to extinguish a joint interest contract for deed of a perpetrator of domestic abuse or sexual assault.

House Public Safety Committee

Republican Co-Chair Paul Novotny will hold the gavel

Agenda:

- [H.F. 3547](#) (Swedzinski) Manufacture, sale, and use of fireworks regulated; and portion of revenues from the sale of fireworks dedicated to public safety purposes.
- [H.F. 4095](#) (Davis) Crime of disruption of worship services established.
- [H.F. 3651](#) (Harder) State Fire Code alcohol-blended fuel equipment compatibility standards established.
- [H.F. 4043](#) (Witte) Powers exclusive to law enforcement officers clarified, and authority to investigate the unauthorized practice of law enforcement duties clarified.
- [H.F. 4282](#) (Witte) Persons detained in jails provided medications.