

## 2026 Legislative Session MCPA Update

### *Week of March 16*

#### Overview

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This week ended up being shorter than anticipated with the snowstorm last weekend leading House leaders to cancel committee hearings on Monday and a largely remote presence for the House floor session later in the afternoon. The Senate committee schedule accommodated the weather with pushing early hearings to Monday afternoon. The week ended on Thursday for legislative action with the Legislature being on break for Eid on Friday.

Despite a shorter week, legislators continued to push legislation through committees with it being the second to last week before the policy deadline at 5 p.m. on March 27. This coming week will be the final week for policy bills to pass through all committees of jurisdiction in both the House and Senate to be considered for final passage by the end of session.

The remaining legislative breaks for this session are listed below:

- **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

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##### **House Judiciary and Civil Law Committee**

On Tuesday the House Judiciary and Civil Law Committee heard the following bills of interest to MCPA. [H.F. 4205](#) (Tabke) that would enhance automated license plate reader data restrictions and have data centralized in Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and regulate the use of automated license plate readers by private entities, was heard before the committee and received testimony from Executive Director Potts in opposition to the bill. The bill failed, [as amended](#), to advance out of the House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee on a 7-7 party-line roll-call vote. Republican committee members said the restrictions could unintentionally impede legitimate law enforcement investigations.

##### **House Public Safety Committee**

Tuesday afternoon, the House Public Safety Committee heard [H.F. 3658](#) (Frazier) that seeks to modify processes for applying for, securing, and enforcing extreme risk protection orders (ERPOs). This bill aligns with one of MCPA's legislative priorities for ERPOs. The proposed law change relieves a law enforcement agency from the financial obligation to compensate a respondent at fair market value for permanently transferring their firearms to a law enforcement agency. The bill further requires judges to consider a petition for emergency relief. This solves the reoccurring issue of afterhours or on weekends when an emergency petition is not acted on in a timely manner. The amendment that was adopted allows for orders issued after a hearing to be served electronically or by first class mail, rather than personally. The bill passed, [as amended](#), and is on its way to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee. MCPA offered a [letter of support](#) for this bill as amended.

## Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

On Thursday the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee held one of their marathon hearings that started just after 9 a.m. and adjourned after 10 p.m. The committee presided over a number of bills on an array of issues. The most notable are below, and here is the [full agenda](#) that was heard.

[S.F. 3735](#) (Hoffman) Criminal penalty increase for impersonating a peace officer.

Senator Hoffman shared his heart wrenching story of the horrific events that led to the assassination attempt of him and his wife, Yvette, in June of last summer.

- The bill passed the committee, [as amended](#), and now sits before the Senate Finance Committee.
- MCPA, along with other law enforcement groups, submitted the following joint letters of support.
  - o [LELS Letter of Support](#)
  - o [Letter of Support MPPOA-MSA-MCPA](#)

[S.F. 4235](#) (Hoffman) Removal requirement of identifying equipment and insignia from emergency vehicles sold to the public.

- The bill passed the committee and now sits before the Senate Transportation Committee.

## The Week Ahead

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

### Tuesday

#### House Judiciary and Civil Law Committee

Republican Co-Chair Peggy Scott will hold the gavel

*Agenda:*

- [H.F. 3809](#) (Dotseth): Requirements in an expedited eviction process modified.
- [H.F. 3951](#) (Igo): Submetered utility service final billing for vacating tenants provided, and provisions related to the payment of rent by tenants modified.
- [H.F. 4005](#) (Warwas): Biometric data; consent for collection required, sale prohibited, deletion required, and civil penalties imposed.
- [H.F. 962](#) (Novotny): Prosecuting authority provided protection of accessed data.
- H.F. XXXX (Myers): Petitioner notice upon request. [pending introduction]
- [H.F. 3870](#) (Curran): Research data protection for data on individuals provided, and terminology and reference updates for domestic abuse programs and battered women provided.
- HFXXXX (Schomacker / Curran) [pending introduction]
- [H.F. 3893](#) (Scott): Use of artificial intelligence in psychotherapy services regulated, and civil penalties provided.
- [H.F. 4293](#) (Scott): Provisions related to parenting time determinations amended.
- [H.F. 4075](#) (Scott / Moller): Uniform procedure established for imposition, implementation, and oversight of firearm restrictions resulting from certain criminal convictions and judicial orders.

- [H.F. 4057](#) (Scott): Miscellaneous technical corrections to laws and statutes made; erroneous, obsolete, and omitted text and references corrected; and redundant, conflicting, and superseded provisions removed.

House Public Safety Committee

Democratic Co-Chair Kelly Moller will hold the gavel

*Agenda:*

- [H.F. 2354](#) (Norris) Medical assistance fraud governing provisions added and modified, attorney general provided subpoena and enforcement authority, criminal penalties provided, conforming changes made, and money appropriated.
- [H.F. 3407](#) (Pinto) Sale and possession of ghost guns prohibited, 3D printing of guns limited to federally licensed firearms manufacturers, distribution of 3D printer firearm design files prohibited, firearm serial numbers required, public notice required, and limits on assembling firearms without license provided.
- [H.F. 4359](#) (Berg) 2024 amendment to definition of trigger activator reenacted, 2024 changes to crime of transferring a firearm to an ineligible person reenacted with amendments, and affirmative defense repealed for transfers of a firearm to an ineligible person by family or household members.
- [H.F. 4192](#) (Pinto) Fraud prevention in registrations, licenses, passes, and permits issued by the commissioner provided; and criminal penalties provided.
- [H.F. 3356](#) (Huot) Removal of identifying equipment and insignia from emergency vehicles sold to the public required.
- [H.F. 3695](#) (Johnson) Task force on standardized identification for emergency responders established, report required, and money appropriated.
- [H.F. 1597](#) (Norris) Task Force on Establishing a Yellow Alert System established, and report required.
- [H.F. 3155](#) (Tabke) Gift card fraud included in organized retail theft.
- [H.F. 3871](#) (Moller) Venue in child sexual abuse material law provided; on-scene preview of digital evidence in child sexual abuse material investigations; possession, sale, creation, dissemination, and purchase of child-like sex dolls prohibited; and defense of duress modified to include victims of trafficking.
- [H.F. 4437](#) (Greenman) Wagers and other activities regarding prediction markets prohibited.
- [H.F. 4446](#) (Johnson, P) Survivor benefits eligibility expanded to include when a public safety officer dies in the line of duty from an exposure-related cancer.
- [H.F. 3990](#) (Novotny) Provisions for employment or occupation due to conviction of a crime changed.
  - o This bill will be used as the vehicle bill for a Public Safety Policy Package.
  - o [DE Amendment](#) will be offered with policy package language, [policy package bill list](#)
  - o No official action will be taken on [H.F.3990](#) on March 24th. The committee will be taking testimony.

**Wednesday**

Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

*Agenda:*

- [S.F. 4171](#) (Port) Vacating tenants submetered utility service final billing provision and payment of rent by tenants provisions modifications.

- [S.F. 4537](#) (Seeberger) Expedited eviction process requirements modifications
- [S.F. 3711](#) (Mann) Kratom classification as a Schedule II controlled substance
- [S.F. 3704](#) (Mann) Kratom possession legal age establishment as 21 years of age or older
- [S.F. 3969](#) (Maye Quade) Licensing boards reporting requirement provision and grooming criminal offense establishment provision
- [S.F. 3900](#) (Rest) Legislative auditor recommendations regarding agency grant, inventory, and debt collection practices implementation provision
- [S.F. 4154](#) (Oumou Verbeten) Board of Public Defense appropriation
- [S.F. 4431](#) (Maye Quade) Teacher licensure provisions modification

#### House Public Safety Committee

Republican Co-Chair Paul Novotny will hold the gavel

##### *Agenda:*

- [H.F. 4371](#) (Lee, F.) Bureau of Criminal Apprehension required to perform background checks at the request of the Office of the Legislative Auditor.
- [H.F. 4317](#) (Nash) Peace officer access to surplus badges provided.
- [H.F. 2817](#) (Knudsen) Service line of duty death benefits provided for part-time, paid on-call, and volunteer firefighters.
- [H.F. 4425](#) (Myers) Statute of limitations for crimes involving medical assistance fraud or other theft of money belonging to the government increased.
- [H.F. 3496](#) (Harder) Inmates required to complete restitution payments before being placed on supervision abatement status
- [H.F. 4151](#) (Witte) Eligibility of certain applicants for licenses to serve as private detectives or protective agents modified.
- [H.F. 3826](#) (Witte) Identity theft crime; definitions modified and added, attorney general and county attorneys provided with additional subpoena authority, and statutes of limitation altered for fraud-related offenses.
- [H.F. 3990](#) (Novotny / Moller) Public Safety Policy Package.
  - o Consideration of amendments, markup of bill, and passage out of committee. The DE1 with the language of the policy package is posted.

#### **Friday**

#### Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

*Agenda: TBD*