

2026 Legislative Session MCPA Update

Week of April 20

Overview

The Minnesota Legislature is less than a month away from their adjournment on May 18 and most legislative action has moved to the House and Senate floors. Most committees have concluded their work for the remainder of the session, aside from those exempt from the deadline. The committees that continue to meet are Capital Investment; Taxes; Ways and Means or Finance; and Rules and Legislative Administration.

Traditionally, the Senate and House would pass bills that match or have similar issues within them that would get negotiated into a final draft in a conference committee. But with the tied House, several bills didn't make it out of committee to begin with. Senate bills that have passed don't have a companion and conference committees don't automatically bring members of each chamber together. At the very least, the other chamber must engage in the process and pass corresponding language before the legislation can become law.

Legislative Activity of Interest

Senate

On Tuesday, the Senate passed the Senate Omnibus Public Safety Policy Bill with the following amendments adopted. The bill received a long partisan debate regarding animal cruelty and the legalization of fireworks. There was an array of partisan amendments that were offered, but ultimately failed.

[SF 4760 \(Latz\) Omnibus Public Safety Policy Bill](#) *PASSED as amended (Y52 - N13)*

- [A6 amendment](#) (Latz): Adds and modifies language to original bill in multiple sections. *Adopted.*
- [A4 amendment](#) (Holmstrom): Establishes a community supervision working group to provide clarity regarding the roles, responsibilities, and obligations of supervision delivery systems when a county transitions between state-operated and county-operated community supervision systems. *Adopted.*
- [A11 amendment](#) (Marty): Charge of cruelty to animals added to crime of violence. *Adopted.*
- [A9 amendment](#) (Kreun): Extends the statute of limitation of theft of public funds from six to ten years. *Adopted.*

The Senate Finance Committee continues to meet and evaluate the fiscal elements of legislation that comes before it. This week, they heard [SF 3432](#) (Latz) that will serve as the Senate's safety and security package. The committee adopted the [A6 amendment](#) that inserted the safety and security sections from the Transportation Omnibus Finance Bill and the State and Local Government Omnibus Finance Bill. The bill, as amended, passed on a voice vote and was sent to the Senate floor for a vote from the full Senate.

House

On Thursday, the House took up [HF 3404](#) (Klevorn) that would increase the criminal penalty for impersonating a peace officer. The bill received support from both sides of the aisle with members speaking in support and noting the importance of this bill. The bill passed with full support (134-0).

Later that day, the House Ways and Means Committee took up [HF 1082](#) (Moller), the Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill. The Committee adopted two amendments and passed the bill on a voice vote and referred to the general register to be taken up on the House floor.

[HF 1082 \(Moller\) Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill](#)

- [A15 Amendment](#) (Moller): Adds exposure-related cancer criteria to line of duty death. *Adopted.*
- A16 amendment (Novotny): Accommodates language to eliminate fiscal note from A15 amendment. *Adopted.*

Next Week's Floor Schedule

Senate

The Senate has released the following schedule for next week with bills of interest to MCPA.

Monday, April 27

11:00 AM—floor session

Special Orders:

[SF 3432](#) (Latz): Safety and security measures appropriation

Wednesday, April 29

11:00 AM—floor session

Special Orders:

[HF 3762](#) (Seeberger): Chiefs of police and sheriffs authorization to open certain expunged records to determine eligibility to purchase, receive, or carry a firearm

[HF 4133](#) (Westlin): Certain exclusions in homeowner's insurance policies prohibited when damage is done by a peace officer

[HF 3782](#) (Westlin): Certain buildings usage of chemical irritants disclosure requirement

[HF 3827](#) (Clark): Certain Bureau of Criminal Apprehension grants to local law enforcement as reimbursements clarification provision, recording of crimes law modifications, determination of how certain criminal records are ineligible for sealing process establishment, and orders of protection for access by law enforcement provided by the court requirement provision

[HF 3875](#) (Westlin): Minnesota Judicial Branch policy provisions

Thursday, April 30

11:00 AM—floor session

Special Orders:

[HF 4075](#) (Westlin): Uniform procedure establishment for imposition, implementation, and oversight of firearms restrictions resulting from certain criminal convictions and judicial orders

House The House has released the following schedule for Monday. The rest of the week has yet to be announced.

Monday, April 27

1:00 PM—floor session

Calendar for the Day:

- [HF 1794](#) (Virnig) Removing advanced practice registered nurse postgraduate collaborative practice requirements.
- [HF 3295](#) (Gordon) Authorizing meeting broadcasting through social media.
- [HF 3489](#) (Bennett) Establishing a field trip policy; requiring reporting to licensing boards; establishing the criminal offense of grooming.
- [HF 3589](#) (Gordon) Permitting a voter to briefly leave a polling place to address an unexpected need, at the discretion of the head election judge.
- [HF 3719](#) (Gordon) Requiring the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to conduct a study and administer a pilot project related to use of the campaign finance reporting software by local candidates; requiring a report.
- [HF 3832](#) (Zeleznikar) Amending the definition of compounding of a drug to exempt the use of a flavoring agent.
- [HF 3917](#) (Mahamoud) Modifying medication repository program procedures; modifying an appropriation.
- [HF 4146](#) (Igo) Providing temporary authority to store drill cores outside the drill core library.
- [HF 4224](#) (Fischer) Modifying notice requirements for water discharges.
- [HF 4239](#) (Freiberg) Modifying certain requirements for reports and disclaimers.
- [HF 4455](#) (Lee, K.) Updating terminology related to Ramsey County human resources personnel structure; adjusting certain positions to unclassified service for consistency with other similar positions; repealing obsolete language; making technical changes.
- [HF 4493](#) (Baker) Authorizing pharmacists to initiate, prescribe, administer, and dispense certain drugs for the treatment of opioid use disorder; modifying grounds for disciplinary action for pharmacists and pharmacist interns.
- [HF 4595](#) (Schomacker) Modifying requirements for licensure by reciprocity for marriage and family therapists.
- [SF 1251](#) (Heintzeman) Removing expiration of crossbow hunting and fishing allowance.
- [SF 3868](#) (Koegel) Prohibiting virtual currency kiosks.
- [SF 3887](#) (Bakeberg) Allowing watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and towns to self-insure for certain employee health benefits; making technical changes.

MCPA Legislation of Interest

Supplemental Funding for the Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund

[HF4700](#) (Stier) / [SF4899](#) (Seeberger)

- The amended House language included in the [Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill](#) increases funding for the Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund from \$4.9 million to \$6 million each year.

Status:

- House: Included in the [Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill](#)

- Senate: Prepared to be taken up in the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Enhanced Penalties For Illegal Firearm Possession

[HF 4699](#) (Stier) / [SF 4910](#) (Howe)

1. Enhance the crime of illegal possession of a firearm from a gross misdemeanor to a felony
2. Establish enhanced penalties for illegal gun possession or use if the violation is committed by a person in a school zone, park zone, or public housing zone
3. Increase penalties for violent felons in possession of firearms and for straw purchases and illegal sales of firearms from licensed gun dealers

Status:

- House: Prepared to be taken up by the Public Safety Committee
- Senate: Prepared to be taken up by the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Revisions to the Extreme Risk Protection Orders Statute

[HF 3658](#) (Frazier) / [SF 4703](#) (Latz)

1. Removes the requirement for agencies to compensate for confiscated or surrendered firearms
2. Allows for the immediate seizure of firearms when a non-emergency ERPO is served with a search warrant
3. Allows for orders issued after the hearing to be served on the respondent electronically or by first class mail, rather than by person

Status:

- House: Passed through committees of jurisdiction with bipartisan support and is prepared to be taken up on the House floor
- Senate: Passed through committees of jurisdiction and is prepared to be taken up on the Senate floor

Increase in Penalty for Impersonating a Peace Officer

[HF 3404](#) (Klevorn) / [SF 3735](#) (Hoffman)

1. Increases the criminal penalty for impersonating a peace officer
2. Establishes a crime of impersonating a peace officer while possessing a firearm
3. Establishes enhanced penalties for persons presenting as peace officers
4. Requires licensed peace officers to fulfill duty to identify when requested

Status:

- House: PASSED the House floor on 4/23 with full support with all 134 votes. Also included in the [Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill](#)
- Senate: Prepared to be taken up by the Finance Committee

Prohibit the Display or Use of Law Enforcement Equipment on Non-Law Enforcement Vehicles

[HF 3356](#) (Huot) / [SF 4235](#) (Hoffman)

1. Prohibits sale or transfer of a law enforcement vehicle that is equipped with emergency or public safety equipment and insignia that could misleadingly identify it as a law enforcement vehicle

2. Certificate of compliance. Requires a certificate of compliance accompanying sale or transfer of a law enforcement vehicle. Directs the Department of Public Safety to design the certificate and make it available online without charge
3. Establishes liability and civil penalties for sale or transfer of a law enforcement vehicle in violation of the marking and equipment limitations
4. Provides explicit authority for county and city attorneys to bring a civil lawsuit for a violation of this section
5. Creates an exemption for vehicles registered as a collector’s item

Status:

- House: Prepared to be taken up by the Ways and Means Committee. Also included in the [Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill](#)
- Senate: Prepared to be taken up by the Senate floor

Eliminate PERA Re-Employment Penalty After Retirement

[HF 4326](#) (Stier) / [SF 4499](#) (Seeberger)

1. Discontinue the penalty on re-employment after the PERA pension draw from the first retirement
2. As state statute stands today, any former law enforcement officer drawing a PERA pension is barred from working in a PERA-eligible job—whether as a school bus driver, teacher, para-professional, city employee, or even in another law enforcement or public safety role
3. It will allow PERA pensioners to return to work without financial punishment

Status:

- Prepared to be taken up by the joint Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

Police Officer Brady-Giglio Process

[HF 962](#) (Novotny) / [SF 325](#) (Koran)

1. Creates a statutory definition of “Brady-Giglio material”
2. Seeks to regulate the process by which prosecuting agencies place and remove peace officers from Brady-Giglio designation.
3. Instructs all prosecuting authorities in Minnesota to implement a written policy to guide the process of seeking and reviewing personnel data, and disclosing personnel data if determined to be Brady-Giglio material in all criminal actions in Minnesota
4. If a prosecutor relies on an officer with a Brady-Giglio designation to prosecute a case, the prosecutor must disclose to the accused the evidence that warranted the Brady-Giglio designation
5. Clarifies data retention and sharing for Brady-Giglio material by prosecutors

Status:

- House: Prepared to be taken up by the Ways and Means Committee.
- Senate: Prepared to be taken up by the Finance Committee