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Subject: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary or Duplicative Rules as Required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.05, Subdivision 5

Dear Governor Walz, Executive Director Yurich, Legislators, and Revisor Inman:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, requires the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) to report each year whether any of its rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. This report represents information for the calendar year 2025.

DOC amended and combined rule chapters 2955 and 2965 this year, removing any obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rules during that rulemaking process.

As stated in the 2024 report, the DOC continues to amend the following rule chapters: 2900 and 2911. Any identified obsolete rules in these chapters will be removed during the standard rulemaking process.

Additionally, the department detailed in past reports that chapter 2940, the rule on the department's Hearings and Release Unit, contains mostly obsolete or unnecessary provisions. The DOC published its notice of intent to repeal the obsolete rule provisions on Sept. 15, 2025, Revisor's ID No. R-4958, CAH Docket No. 23-9051-41029.

No public comments were filed, and the Department is moving forward with the repeal through the Court of Administrative Hearings.

For the department's other rule chapters, the following obsolete rule chapters have been identified:

- **Chapter 2905, the Community Corrections Act.** With expansive 2023 legislative changes to community supervision, much of this chapter is obsolete. Previously, the chapter applied only to Community Corrections Act counties, or counties that receive funds to operate community-based correctional programs. But in 2023, the underlying statutory chapter (Minnesota Statutes, chapter 401) was expanded to include Tribal Nations and the two other community-supervision systems: County Probation Officers and department supervision. By the end of fiscal year 2027, the department plans to amend this rule chapter and replace the obsolete provisions.
- **Chapter 2915, emergency shelter services, housing supports, and support services for domestic-abuse victims and their children.** In 1977, the legislature created this grant program for organizations that provide emergency shelter services, housing supports, and support services to domestic-abuse victims and their children. In 1981, the department adopted the corresponding rule chapter, which has not been amended since. But in 2014, the legislature created a new statutory section (section 611A.211) for the Department of Public Safety's Office of Justice Programs to administer the grants. Yet the rule chapter and related statutory sections were not updated by the legislature at that time to reflect how the department no longer administers these grants. The statutory language that grants rulemaking authority should be updated by the legislature—transferring the responsibility for administering the chapter to the Department of Public Safety.
- **Chapters 2920, adult community-based residential correctional facilities and 2945, municipal jails.** The department has identified requirements in these two rule chapters that will become obsolete depending on the department's 2911 rule proceeding. By the end of fiscal year 2027, the department plans to amend these rule chapters and replace the obsolete provisions.

The cost to prepare this report was approximately $100.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Kelly Haff, Legislative Director, at 651-392-7602.

Sincerely,



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