MN Legislative History Research

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The object of all interpretation and construction of laws is to ascertain and effectuate the intention of the legislature. Every law shall be construed, if possible, to give effect to all its provisions.

When the words of a law in their application to an existing situation are clear and free from all ambiguity, the letter of the law shall not be disregarded under the pretext of pursuing the spirit.

When the words of a law are not explicit, the intention of the legislature may be ascertained by considering, among other matters:

1. the occasion and necessity for the law;
2. the circumstances under which it was enacted;
3. the mischief to be remedied;
4. the object to be attained;
5. the former law, if any, including other laws upon the same or similar subjects;
6. the consequences of a particular interpretation;
7. the contemporaneous legislative history; and
8. legislative and administrative interpretations of the statute.

History: 1941 c 492 s 16
Legislative Rules

Permanent Rules of the Senate
50.9 The Senate intends that testimony and discussion preserved under this rule not be admissible in any court or administrative proceeding on an issue of legislative intent.

Permanent Rules of the House
2.15 RECORDED FLOOR PROCEEDINGS. Proceedings on the floor of the House must be recorded on an appropriate audio recording medium under the direction of the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk must transmit a copy of the recordings to the Director of the Legislative Reference Library. The Legislative Reference Library must keep the recordings available for public use under its rules during the legislative biennium when the recordings were created and for eight years thereafter. The Library may then preserve or dispose of the recordings as the Library sees fit.

A person may obtain a copy of a recording while it is kept in the Library by paying a fee determined by the House Controller to cover the cost of preparing the copy.

Discussion preserved under this Rule is not intended to be admissible in a court or administrative proceeding on an issue of legislative intent.
“Although the rules of both houses state that the testimony and discussion preserved by the tapes are not to be admissible in any court on an issue of legislative intent, we do not believe this statement countermands our consideration of the tapes as authorized by Minn. Stat. § 645.16(7). We should not turn a blind eye to what may be helpful and to what is before us.”

*Handle With Care, Inc. v. Dep't of Human Servs.*, 406 N.W.2d 518, 522 (Minn. 1987).

“While the motives of a legislative body in enacting any particular legislation may not be a proper subject for judicial inquiry, yet this court may in determining legislative intent consider the legislative history of the act under consideration, the subject matter as a whole, the purpose of the legislation, and objects intended to be secured thereby; and where the construction of a statute is doubtful, this court may, in addition to considering the purpose of the act, consider events leading up to it, the history of its passage, and any modifications made during its course.”

*Sevcik v. Commissioner of Taxation*, 257 Minn. 92, 103, 100 N.W.2d 678, 687 (1959).
Case Law

“We resort to the former law and legislative history to ascertain the legislative intent behind an ambiguous statute.” *Auto Owners Ins. Co. v. Perry*, 749 N.W.2d 324, 328 (Minn. 2008).

“Legislative history is relevant only if the statute is ambiguous.” *State v. Kirby*, 899 N.W.2d 485, 492 (Minn. 2017).

“Our goal in interpreting statutes is to determine and effectuate the Legislature's intent.” *State v. Smith*, 899 N.W.2d 120, 127 (Minn. 2017) (Gildea, J. concurring).

“But if a statute is susceptible to more than one reasonable interpretation, the statute is ambiguous, and we will consider other factors to ascertain the Legislature's intent.” *Staab v. Diocese of St. Cloud*, 853 N.W.2d 713, 717 (Minn. 2014).
Getting Started – bill # is the key

START → Minnesota Statutes citation

 Session Law

 Bill number
Next

Bill # ➔ Journal

Minutes ➔ Recordings
Primary Sources

The primary sources of information for Minnesota legislative history research:

• Minutes of legislative committees

• Audio and video recordings of House and Senate committee hearings and floor sessions

Other Helpful Resources

• Floor Logs
• Bill Versions
• Session Notebooks
• Secondary Sources
Committee Minutes

When recordings do not exist, the House and Senate committee minutes are a primary source of information for legislative intent research.

- Minutes often lack much detail.
- The attachments to the minutes may be helpful. Sometimes there are letters, reports, brochures, handouts, bill summaries, newspaper articles, or copies of individuals' testimonies.

Online

- House - online since 2005 (selected)
- Senate - online since 2007 (very selected)

Legislative Reference Library

- Committee minute books from 1999 to the present

Minnesota Historical Society Library

- House committee minutes for 1919-1998
- Senate committee minutes for 1911-1998
- Judiciary Committee – 1883-1910
Audio/Video

Audio/Video of committee and floor sessions
• House and Senate Audio Files, 1991-2003
  https://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/media/

• Audio files from 2004 to the present
  http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/multimedia

• Video files for the House
  • Select coverage - 1998-2003
  • Complete floor sessions, select house committees – 2004-present

• Video files for the Senate
  • Select video coverage - 2001-present

• Audio/video recordings do not exist prior to 1991.
Audio/Video

A note about retention:
The legislature, LRL, and MHS agreed to destruction of the tapes 16 years after transfer from the originating body (eight years at the LRL and eight years at the MHS). A variety of paper records, including committee minutes, will be retained as the permanent, official records of the legislature.
Floor Logs

Floor logs are helpful if you are listening to floor debate as part of your legislative history work because they indicate the order of bills and general length of time for discussion.

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- print: 1991-1998 at LRL

Senate:

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- print: 1991-1998 at LRL
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Bill Versions

See how a bill has changed to show intended meaning.

**House Files (HF)**
- **1995-present**: Online
- Current biennium bills are also available from the [Office of the Chief Clerk](#)
- 1957-2008: Microfilm at LRL
- Prior to 1957: Print at MHS Library

**Senate Files (SF)**
- **1995-present**: Online
- Current biennium bills are also available from the [Secretary of the Senate](#)
- 1957-2010: Microfilm at LRL
- Prior to 1957: Print at MHS Library
A bill for an act
relating to insurance; prohibiting insurers from
maintaining subrogation actions against insureds;
proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
chapter 60A.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [60A.41] [SUBROGATION AGAINST INSUREDs
PROHIBITED.]

An insurer may not proceed against its own insured in a
subrogation action where the loss was caused by the negligence
of the insured.

An insurer may not subrogate itself to the rights of one of
its insureds to proceed against another insured to recover a
loss caused by the negligence of that insured.

(a) An insurance company or a company providing reinsurance
for the coverage may not proceed against its insured in a
subrogation action where the loss was caused by the
nonintentional acts of the insured.

(b) An insurance company or a company providing reinsurance
for the coverage may not subrogate itself to the rights of its
insured to proceed against another person insured by the same
company to recover a loss caused by the nonintentional acts of
that insured.
First example:

Online

- Minn. Stat. 609.117
  - 2010 amendments
609.117 DNA ANALYSIS OF CERTAIN OFFENDERS REQUIRED.

Subdivision 1. Upon sentencing. If an offender has not already done so, the court shall order an offender to provide a biological specimen for the purpose of DNA analysis as defined in section 299C.155 when:

1. the court sentences a person charged with committing or attempting to commit a felony offense and the person is convicted of that offense or of any offense arising out of the same set of circumstances; or

2. the juvenile court adjudicates a person a delinquent child who is petitioned for committing or attempting to commit a felony offense and is adjudicated delinquent for that offense or any offense arising out of the same set of circumstances.

The biological specimen or the results of the analysis shall be maintained by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension as provided in section 299C.155.

Subd. 2. Before release. The commissioner of corrections or local corrections authority shall order a person to provide a biological specimen for the purpose of DNA analysis before completion of the person's term of imprisonment when the person has not provided a biological specimen for the purpose of DNA analysis and the person:

1. was initially charged with committing or attempting to commit a felony offense and was convicted of that offense or of any offense arising out of the same set of circumstances, or the person has a past felony conviction in this or any other state; or

2. is serving a term of imprisonment in this state under a reciprocal agreement although convicted in another state of committing or attempting to commit a felony offense or of any offense arising out of the same set of circumstances if the person was initially charged with committing or attempting to commit a felony offense. The commissioner of corrections or local corrections authority shall forward the sample to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Subd. 3. Offenders from other states. When the state accepts an offender from another state under the interstate compact authorized by section 243.1605, the acceptance is conditional on the offender providing a biological specimen for the purposes of DNA analysis as defined in section 299C.155, if the offender was initially charged with committing or attempting to commit a felony offense and was convicted of that offense or of any offense arising out of the same set of circumstances. The specimen must be provided under supervision of staff from the Department of Corrections or a Community Corrections Act county within 15 business days after the offender reports to the supervising agent. The cost of obtaining the biological specimen is the responsibility of the agency providing supervision.

Subd. 4. After supervision expires. (a) Upon motion of a prosecuting authority, a court shall issue an order to show cause why an offender who should have been ordered or required to provide a biological specimen under this section but did not, should not now be ordered to provide one for the purposes of DNA analysis. This subdivision applies if the offender's sentence or supervision has expired. The prosecuting authority shall provide the court with an affidavit that:

1. identifies the offender by name and date of birth;

2. identifies the offender's last known address;

3. identifies the offender's charged offense, offense of conviction, and date of conviction; and

4. indicates that the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension database of biological specimens has been searched and the offender has not previously provided a biological specimen for DNA analysis under this chapter.

(b) The order to show cause shall direct the offender to appear before the court within 30 days after the order is.
Links to session laws
(Laws of Minnesota v. Minnesota Statutes)

Which year’s language are you interested in?
(Check MSA if possible.)

2010 c 256 s 1
609.117. DNA analysis of certain offenders required

M.S.A. § 609.117

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(a) If the offender fails to provide one specimen of biological material and the prosecution authority believes that the offender was properly served with the order to show cause, the court may issue an order:

1. requiring the offender to submit the specimen within 30 days from the date of the order at a designated location;

2. including the designated location’s address, telephone number, and regular hours of operation; and

3. authorizing, if the offender fails or refuses to comply with the order to provide a specimen, a peace officer to detain and bring the offender before the court as soon as practicable to show cause why the specimen should not be obtained.

(e) The local corrections authority shall mail the order in paragraph (d) to the offender’s last known address.

Credits

Editors’ Notes

RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Similar to section 609.115, paragraph (d), provides in part that statutes which relate to substantive criminal law found in chapter 609, except for sections 609.116 and 609.145, remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Notes of Decisions (30)

M. S. A. § 609.117, MN ST § 609.117

Current with legislation effective through July 1, 2019 from the 2019 Regular and First Special Sessions. Some statute sections may be more current, see credits for details. The statutes are subject to change as determined by the Minnesota Revisor of Statutes. (These changes will be incorporated later this year.)
Editor's and Revisor's Notes (70)
Review legislative changes affecting a statute section as detailed by West attorney editors or state revisor's offices.
HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Derivation:

St.1999 Supp., § 609.3461.

Laws 1999, c. 216, art. 3, §§ 7, 8.

Laws 1998, c. 367, art. 6, § 15.


Laws 1993, c. 326, art. 13, § 32.

Laws 1993, c. 326, art. 10, § 16.


Laws 1989, c. 299, art. 4, § 16.

Laws 1999, c. 216, art. 3, § 9, directed the revisor of statutes to renumber § 609.3461 as this section.

Laws 1999, c. 216, art. 3, § 11, provides in part that §§ 7 to 9, amending subds. 1 and 2 and renumbering § 609.3461 as § 609.117, respectively, are effective July 1, 2000, and apply to offenders sentenced or released on or after that date.

Laws 2001, 1st Sp., c. 8, art. 9, § 6, in subd. 1, corrected citations; and rewrote subd. 2, which formerly read:

"Subd. 2. Before release. The commissioner of corrections or local corrections authority shall order a person to provide a biological specimen for the purpose of DNA analysis before completion of the person's term of imprisonment when the person has not provided a biological specimen for the purpose of DNA analysis and the person:

"(1) was convicted of violating or attempting to violate any of the following or initially charged with violating one of the following sections and convicted of another offense arising out of the same set of circumstances:

"(i) murder under section 609.166, 609.19, or 609.195."
609.117. DNA analysis of certain offenders required

MN ST § 609.117  Minnesota Statutes Annotated  Crimes, Expungement, Victims (Ch. 609-624)  Effective: August 1, 2010  (Approx. 3 pages)

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(v) kidnapping under section 609.25;

(vi) false imprisonment under section 609.255;

(vii) criminal sexual conduct under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, or 609.3451, subdivision 3;

(viii) incest under section 609.365;

(ix) burglary under section 609.582, subdivision 1, or

(x) indecent exposure under section 617.23, subdivision 3, or

(2) was sentenced as a patterned sex offender under section 609.108, and committed to the custody of the commissioner of corrections; or

(3) is serving a term of imprisonment in this state under a reciprocal agreement although convicted in another state of an offense described in this subdivision or a similar law of the United States or any other state. The commissioner of corrections or local corrections authority shall forward the sample to the bureau of criminal apprehension.

“Subd. 3. Offenders from other states. When the state accepts an offender from another state under the Interstate compact authorized by section 243.16, the acceptance is conditional on the offender providing a biological specimen for the purposes of DNA analysis as defined in section 299C.155. If the offender was convicted of an offense described in subdivision 1 or a similar law of the United States or any other state. The specimen must be provided under supervision of the department of corrections or a community corrections act county within 15 business days after the offender reports to the supervising agent. The cost of obtaining the biological specimen is the responsibility of the agency providing supervision.”

Laws 2005, c. 136, art. 12, § 9, amending this section, also provided that the amendment was effective July 1, 2005, and applies to offenders sentenced, released from supervision, or accepted for supervision on or after that date.


2010 Legislation

Laws 2010, c. 256, § 1, added subd. 4, relating to obtaining specimens after supervision expires.
# 2019 Minnesota Statutes

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(2) including the designated location's address, telephone number, and regular hours of operation; and
(3) authorizing, if the offender fails or refuses to comply with the order to provide a specimen, a peace officer to...
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S.F. No. 3116 - Offender DNA Collection Authorization (First Engrossment)

Author: Senator Linda Scheid
Prepared by: Chris Turner, Senate Research (651/296-4350)
Date: March 24, 2010

The bill authorizes the court, upon motion by the prosecution, to issue an order to show cause why an offender who should have been ordered to submit a DNA sample under Minnesota Statutes, section 609.117, but did not, should be ordered to provide one, even if the offender's sentence has expired. The prosecutor must provide the court with an affidavit that:

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Upon the offender's appearance in court, the court may issue an order directing the offender to provide the specimen.

If the offender fails to either provide a specimen or appear before the court, the court may issue an order requiring the offender to submit a specimen within 30 days at a designated location, and authorize a peace officer, upon noncompliance, to detain and bring the offender before the court to show cause why the specimen should not be detained.

The local corrections authority shall mail the order to the offender's last known address.

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Page 12, after line 25, insert:

"Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sections 1 to 7 are effective the day following final enactment."

Renumber the sections in sequence
Amend the title numbers accordingly

**Senator Moua from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred**

S.F. No. 3116: A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing the collection of DNA from offenders; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.117, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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Committee on Judiciary  
Thursday, March 18, 2010  
3:00 PM, Room 15, Capitol  

Minutes  

Present: Senator Mee Moua - Chair, Senator Mary A. Olson Vice Chair, Senator Don Betzold, Senator Leo T. Foley, Senator Linda Higgins, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator Julanne E. Ortman, Senator Pat Pareisu, Senator Linda Scheid  

Absent: No Members Absent  

Senator Mee Moua called the meeting to order at 3:12pm. 

S.F. 2519: Senator Anderson: Interim public utility rate approval process and standard for approval modification.  

Senator Betzold moved that S.F. 2519, as amended, be recommended to pass. 

MOTION PREVAILED. 

Senator Anderson offered up testimony on SF 2519 (5:10pm) Senator Betzold moves the A6 Amendment - Chris Clark, Attorney, Excel Energy, offered up testimony on A6 Amendment (5:16pm) Senator Betzold renews his motion to move the A6 Amendment Motion Prevals (5:18pm) 

S.F. 2866: Senator Sheran: Statewide trauma system modifications and repeal. 

Senator Betzold moved that S.F. 2866, as amended, be recommended to pass. 

MOTION PREVAILED. 

Senator Sheran offered up testimony on SF 2866 (3:46pm) Counsel Kathy Pontius offered up testimony on A2 Amendment Senator Olson moves the A2 Amendment Motion Prevals (3:49pm) Testifiers - Jim Golden, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Department of Health (3:50pm) - Tim Held, Director of Statewide Trauma System, Minnesota Department of Health (3:57pm) Committee questions ensued (3:58pm) Senator Betzold moves Oral Amendment on SF 2866, Page 3, Line 1, strike □All□ and insert □Data on patients□, on Page 3, Line 2, strike □shall be□, on Page 3, Line 3, strike □classified as□ and insert □are□, on Page 3, Line 3, strike □, and□ and insert □, and on Page 3 strike Line 4 Motion Prevals (4:02pm) 

S.F. 2945: Senator Murphy: Child pornography definition modification. 

Senator Betzold moved that S.F. 2945, as amended, be recommended to pass. 

MOTION PREVAILED. 

Senator Murphy offered up testimony on SF 2945 (4:03pm) Senator Murphy offered up the A1 Amendment Senator Murphy offered up testimony on A1 Amendment (4:04pm) Senator Betzold moves the A1 Amendment Motion Prevals (4:05pm) Testifiers - Tom Gort, Assistant Winona County Attorney (4:06pm) - Travis Volkman, Goodview Police Officer (4:08pm) Committee questions ensued (4:09pm) 


Senator Betzold offered up testimony on SF 2328 (6:36pm)

**S.F. 2186:** Senator Betzold: Civil commitment county financial responsibility and prepetition clarification.

Senator Betzold moved that S.F. 2186, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Betzold offered up testimony on SF 2186 (6:40pm) Senator Betzold moves Oral Amendment that on SF 2186, Page 1, Line 12, strike □Minnesota Statutes, □ Motion Prevails (6:43pm)

**S.F. 3116:** Senator Scheid: Offender DNA collection authorization.

Senator Orman moved that S.F. 3116, be laid on the table.

**MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Scheid offered up testimony on SF 3116 (6:44pm) Testifiers: - David Brown, Assistant Hennepin County Attorney (6:44pm) - Steve Redding, Senior Assistant Hennepin County Attorney (6:47pm) Senator Scheid moves Oral Amendment on SF 3116, Page 1, Line 7, after □offender □ insert □ who is initially charged with committing or attempting to commit a felony offense and was convicted of that offense or of any offense arising out of the same set of circumstances □ Motion Prevails (6:52pm) Committee questions ensued (6:53pm) Con: - Yefine Einstrin (7:17pm) Senator Scheid moves to reconsider her earlier motion to move Oral Amendment on SF 3116, Page 1, Line 7, after □offender □ insert □ who is initially charged with committing or attempting to commit a felony offense and was convicted of that offense or of any offense arising out of the same set of circumstances □ Motion Prevails Senator Scheid moves to remove her Oral Amendment Motion Prevails Senator Scheid moves Oral Amendment on SF 3116, Page 1, Line 7, after □offender □ insert □ who was required to provide a biological specimen under this section but did not □ Motion Prevails (7:25pm) Committee questions ensued (7:25pm) Senator Orman moves to lay SF 3116 on the Table (7:35pm)

**S.F. 2869:** Senator Higgins: Human rights act provisions modifications.

Senator Higgins moved that S.F. 2869, be recommended to pass.

**MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Higgins offered up testimony on SF 2869 (7:36pm) Testifier: - Mario Hernandez, Legislative and Community Affairs Liaison, Minnesota Department of Human Rights (7:37pm) Committee questions ensued (7:39pm)

**S.F. 2880:** Senator Mona: State Guardian Ad Litem board establishment.

Senator Mona offered up testimony on SF 2880 (3:12pm) Senator Mona moves the A1 Amendment Motion Prevails (3:13pm) Testifier: Pro: - Sue Dorsal, State Court Administrator (3:14pm) Committee questions ensued (3:19pm) Senator Mona moves that SF 2880 as amended be recommended to pass and be referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight - Mike Harrison, Editor/Publisher, Judicial Common Sense (3:28pm) Con: - Regina Rudloff, Executive Director, Court Appointed Special Advocates Minnesota (3:33pm) Committee questions ensued (3:36pm)

**S.F. 2427:** Senator Betzold: Trust and guardianship provisions modifications; distribution status clarifications; relationship and inheritance provisions modifications; emergency and temporary conservator appointment authority.
Committee on Judiciary  
Friday, March 19, 2010  
9:00 AM, Room 107, Capitol  

Minutes

Present: Senator Mee Mowa - Chair, Senator Mary A. Olson Vice Chair, Senator Don Betzold, Senator Leo T. Foley, Senator Linda Higgins, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator Julianne E. Ortman, Senator Pat Parliment, Senator Linda Scheid

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Mee Mowa called the meeting to order at 9:17am.

S.F. 3145: Senator Pappas: Controlled substance offenses mixture definition modification and weight measurement mandate.

Senator Betzold moved that S.F. 3145, be recommended to pass.

MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Pappas moves the A1 Amendment (10:05am) Senator Olson moves the A1 Amendment Motion Prevails (10:05 am) Senator Pappas offered up testimony on SF 3145 (10:05am) Testifier: - Ted Sampell-Jones, Assistant Professor, William Mitchell (10:06am)

S.F. 2663: Senator Scheid: Motor vehicle sales and distribution costs responsibility and regulation.

Senator Scheid moved that S.F. 2663, as amended, be recommended to pass.

MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Scheid offered up testimony on SF 3116 (9:20am) Testifier: - Ms. Schlander, Minnesota Auto Dealers Association (9:20am) Senator Betzold moves Oral Amendment on SF 2663, on Page 1, strike Lines 7-17 (Sec. 1) Motion Prevails (9:20am) Senator Scheid offered up testimony on SF 3116 (9:21am) - Ms. Schlander, Minnesota Auto Dealers Association (9:22am) Senator Scheid moves the A2 Amendment Motion Prevails (9:24am) - Sandy Nelam, Automobile Alliance (9:25am)

S.F. 2704: Senator Scheid: Minnesota Nonrecourse Civil Litigation Funding Act.

Senator Scheid moved that S.F. 2704, be recommended to pass.

MOTION FAILED.

Senator Scheid offered up testimony on SF 2704 (9:27am) Testifier: - Eric Schuller, American Legal Finance Association (9:29am) Committee questions ensued (9:34am) - Bob Johnson, Insurance Federation of Minnesota, Minnesotans for Lawsuit Reform (9:50am) Senator Scheid offered up testimony on SF 2704 (9:58am) - Joe Carlson, Association for Justice (9:58am) Committee questions ensued (10:00am) Senator Scheid moves that SF 2704 be recommended to Pass Motion Prevails Division For: 4 Against: 4 Motion Fails (10:04am)

S.F. 3354: Senator Betzold: Data practices violations administrative remedies and civil penalties.

Senator Betzold moved that S.F. 3354, be recommended to pass MotionmotionPrevails (10:08am)
Committee questions ensued (10:27am) - Laurie Beyer-Kropelski, Information Policy Analysis Division (10:32am) Committee questions ensued (10:35am) - John Melicyk, Department of Education, offered up testimony on A4 Amendment (10:39am) Senator Betzold offered up testimony on A4 Amendment Senator Betzold moves the A4 Amendment Motion Prevails (10:40am)

**S.F. 2517:** Senator Moua: Electronic court documents access authorization.

Senator Moua moved that S.F. 2517, as amended, be recommended to pass.

**MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Moua offered up testimony on SF 2517 (10:51am) Senator Moua offered up the A1 Amendment Senator Moua moves the A1 Amendment Motion Prevails (10:52am) Committee discussion ensued (10:52am) Senator Moua moves Oral Amendment that on the A1 Amendment, Page 1, Line 2, strike □cd rom□ and insert □CD Rom□, and on Page 1, Line 3, strike □dvd rom□ and insert □DVD Rom□ Motion Prevails Testifier: - Robert Sycora (10:54am)

**S.F. 1126:** Senator Moua: Tax-forfeited property uses and conveyances procedures modifications.

Senator Moua moved that S.F. 1126, as amended, be recommended to pass.

**MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Moua offered up testimony on SF 1126 (10:56am) Testifier: - Jason Nord, Minnesota Department of Revenue, offered up testimony on A3 Amendment (10:58am) Senator Moua moves the A3 Amendment Committee questions ensued (11:01am) Senator Moua renews her motion to move the A3 Amendment Motion Prevails (11:02am)

**S.F. 2437:** Senator Moua: Domestic abuse ex parte court orders for protection expansion.

Senator Moua moved that S.F. 2437, as amended, be recommended to pass.

**MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Moua offered up testimony on SF 2437 (11:03am) Senator Moua moves the A1 Amendment Motion Prevails (11:03am)

**S.F. 3028:** Senator Stumpf: Pre-kindergarten through grade 12 education appropriations and appropriation reductions.

Not heard.

**S.F. 3116:** Senator Scheid: Offender DNA collection authorization.

Testifiers: - David Brown, Assistant Hennepin County Attorney (10:43am) Committee questions ensued (10:48am) Senator Scheid moves that A3 Amendment Motion Prevails (10:50am)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04am.

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Senator Mee Moua, Chair               James Chang, Legislative Assistant
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What to listen for?
✓ Bill’s sponsor
  • Why?
✓ Controversy/Support
  • Testimony
**What about the companion bill?**
House committee hearing information for HF3447

Short Description
DNA collection from offenders authorized.

House Committee Hearings
Thursday, March 11, 2010   Public Safety Policy and Oversight - Posted meeting schedule.
Wednesday, March 10, 2010  Crime Victims/Criminal Records Division - Posted meeting schedule.

House Committee Minutes
Example 2 — Your law is too old for everything to be online

• Look up the statute’s historical credits to get the session law.
  • *Minnesota Statutes*
    • Paper at State Law Library, Legislative Reference Library
    • Online via the Revisor’s website
  • *Minnesota Statutes Annotated*
    • Paper at the State Law Library
    • Online via Westlaw

• Look up the session law to get the bill number.
  • *Laws of Minnesota*
    • Paper at the State Law Library & Legislative Reference Library
    • Online via the Revisor’s website
    • Includes statutes and session laws back to territorial days
  • Westlaw

• Next, use House and Senate Journals to see what happened to the bill
465.79 ESTABLISHMENT OF BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

Subdivision 1. City council, town or county board. By resolution, the city council of a statutory or home rule charter city, town board, or county board may create a boundary commission. Members of the commission shall be residents of the county or counties in which the city or town is located who are familiar with real property.

Subd. 2. Duties of boundary commission. Upon initiation by resolution of the governing body or upon petition of an adjoining or affected property owner, the boundary commission shall review property descriptions of the disputed areas in the respective jurisdiction. Upon mailed notice to all known parties in interest, the commission shall attempt to establish agreements between adjoining landowners as to the location of common boundaries as delineated by a certified land survey. If agreement cannot be reached, the commission shall make a recommendation as to the location of the common boundaries within the disputed area. The commission shall prepare a plan designating all agreed and recommended boundary lines and report to the city council, town board, or county board.

Subd. 3. Hearing. Upon receipt of the plan and a report from the commission, the city council, town board, or county board shall hold a public hearing. The council, town board, or county board shall give mailed notice to all known parties in interest and published notice 20 days prior to the hearing. The council, town board, or county board shall hear all interested parties and may make adjustments to the proposed plan that it deems just and necessary.

Subd. 4. Judicial review. Following the public hearing, the council or board may petition the district court for judicial approval of the proposed plan. If any affected parcel is land registered under chapter 508, the petition must be referred to the examiner of titles for a report. The council or board shall provide sufficient information to identify all parties in interest and shall give notice to parties in interest as the court may order. The court shall determine the location of any contested, disputed, or unresolved boundary and shall determine adverse claims to each parcel as provided in chapter 559. After hearing and determining the boundary, the court shall enter a judgment in the form of a plat complying with chapter 505 and an order describing each boundary. Final judgment shall be a condition of filing documents of section 565.54.

Subd. 5. Special assessments. All or part of the cost incurred by it against the benefited properties on a per parcel basis as provided in chapter 429.

History: 1990 c. 386 s 1; 1992 c. 493 s 9; 1997 c. 78 s 1.
Sec. 1. [465.79] [ESTABLISHMENT OF BOUNDARY COMMISSION.]

Subdivision 1. [CITY COUNCIL.] By resolution, the city council of a statutory or home rule charter city may create a boundary commission. Members of the commission shall be residents of the county or counties in which the city is located who are familiar with real property.

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Subd. 3. [HEARING.] Upon receipt of the plan and a report from the commission, the city council shall hold a public hearing. The council shall give mailed notice to all known parties in interest and published notice 20 days prior to the hearing. The council shall hear all interested parties and may make adjustments to the proposed plan that it deems just and necessary.

Subd. 4. [JUDICIAL REVIEW.] Following hearing, the council may petition the district court for judicial approval of the proposed plan. The council shall provide sufficient information to identify the plan and the location of all boundary lines.
House & Senate Journals

In Print:

- Minnesota State Law Library
- Minnesota Legislative Reference Library

☑ Look up your bill (and companion) in the Index
☑ Look up each page listed for the bill.
☑ First Reading and Reference – what committee?
☑ All dates of committee referrals and committee reports
☑ Session debates/votes and conference committee actions
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Which committee and on what date?

March 6, 1990

First Reading and Referral
The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

S.F. No. 1104 was then progressed.

S.F. No. 772, which the committee recommends to pass with the following amendment offered by Mrs. Pariseau:

Page 2, after line 1, insert:

“Sec. 2. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]
Section 1 is effective November 15, 1990.”

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

S.F. No. 2383, which the committee recommends to pass with the following amendment offered by Mr. Knaak:

Page 1, delete sections 1 and 2
Page 1, delete line 23 and insert:

“Section 1. [465.79] [ESTABLISHMENT OF BOUNDARY COMMISSION.]”

Page 2, line 1, delete “the city of Upsala” and insert “a statutory or home rule charter city”

Page 2, line 2, delete “Morrison” and insert “the” and after “county” insert “or counties in which the city is located”

Page 2, line 14, delete “Upsala”

Page 2, line 21, delete “in Morrison county”

Page 2, line 32, delete “of Upsala”

Pages 2 and 3, delete section 4

Amend the title as follows:
Third reading

March 20, 1990

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

S.F. No. 2383: A bill for an act relating to cities; permitting the establishment of boundary commissions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 465.

Was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 67 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Adkins   Davis   Johnson, D.I.   Merriam   Rammel
Anderson Buckman   DeCramer   Knauk    Metzner   Rehwald
Belanger Ducklow   Dunning    Krohn    Moo, D.M.   Rempel
Benson   Dierman   Edelised    Ladig    Moo, R.D.   Samuelson
Berg     Flynn     Frank      Lancty    Morse    Schmitz
Berglin  Frandt    Fosse      Larson    Nowak    Sohn
Bernhagen Frederik   Frederik    Lessard  Olson    Spear
Bierman  Frederik, D.I.   Lessard  Olson    Pariseau  Soren
Braun   Frederik, D.R.   Luther    Lehr   Peterson, R.W.   Vickerman
Brauns   Freeman    Love       Math    Pfeifer    Wackers
Brauns   Gustafson   McGowan    Pavlicek  Piper    Wamser
Cohen    Hughes     McQuaid    Pogemiller    Pavlicek                
Dahl     Johnson, D.E.  Mehrkens  Purucker

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

S.F. No. 2119: A bill for an act relating to Blue Earth county; permitting...
MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following Senate Files, herewith returned: S.E Nos. 1968, 2383, 2039, 2048, 2015 and 2381.

Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned March 26, 1990
Dates to Note

- March 6, 1990 – went into committee on Local & Urban Govt
- March 20, 1990 – 3rd reading and approval vote
- March 26, 1990 – out of committee
House Journal – look for table of companion bills
COMPANION NUMBERS FOR BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS
SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION—1989-1990

DIRECTIONS: The following table lists all companion numbers for both House and Senate Files. To find either a House or a Senate companion number, read down the Bill Number Column to find the number you want, either a House or a Senate number, and the corresponding companion number will be found in the proper column adjoining.

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**Example 2 - you’ve got your dates, now what?**

Obtain meeting minutes

- Minnesota Historical Society Library
  - House committee minutes for 1919-1998
  - Senate committee minutes for 1911-1998
  - Judiciary committee – 1883-1910
- Minnesota Legislative Reference Library
  - Committee minute books from 1999 to present

Audio

- Only available 1991 to present
- All available audio is now online
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Look for year, then committee

Identify the location of the dates you need.
Example 2 - you’ve got your dates, now what?

Visiting the Minnesota Historical Society Library

• On the Capitol Complex
• Check the hours (not same as other MN departments)
• Give yourself several hours
• Bring:
  ▪ Relevant dates of committee action
    ▪ Copies of Journal pages
  ▪ ID – you must register
  ▪ Pencil and paper
• Leave in the car or put in locker:
  ▪ Pens and markers
  ▪ Bags, purses, briefcases
  ▪ Coats
• Be aware - you cannot make copies yourself
  ▪ Camera
Plan your visit around lunch
Reference Desk

Entrance
Fill out the request slip
Representative Pugh renewed his motion that H.F. 2099 be recommended to pass and sent to the floor. The MOTION PREVAILED.

H.F. 2351

Representative Skoglund moved that H.F. 2351 be recommended to pass and included in the Judiciary Committee's Omnibus Crime Bill.

Don Peterson from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension testified.

Representative Skoglund renewed his motion that H.F. 2351 be recommended to pass and included in the Judiciary Committee's Omnibus Crime Bill. The MOTION PREVAILED.

H.F. 1966

Representative Brown moved that H.F. 1966 be recommended to pass.

Representative Doug Peterson explained the bill.

Testifying were:
Patrick Joyce, Conservation Officer, State of Minnesota
Mark Shields, Office of the Attorney General

Brown renewed his motion that H.F. 1966 be
February 15, 1990

Leon Tachen
Chairman, Blue Earth
County Board
204 South 5th Street
Mankato, Minn 56001

Dear Chairman Tachen:

This letter is to acknowledge that I am aware that the Blue Earth County Board has submitted a bill to the legislature that would make my office appointive rather than elective.

I do not oppose this legislation. Although a 1990 date for the County Recorder would be to my advantage, I feel that a 1994 date for all 3 offices would be more practical.

Yours very truly,

E. William James
Blue Earth County Recorder
Example 2

Visiting the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library

• On the Capitol Complex
• Give yourself adequate time
• Bring:
  ▪ Relevant dates of committee action
Minutes binders
What if the law is too old?
It’s pre-1991 and there are no recordings!

• Old CLEs
  • State Law Library keeps all old MN CLEs

• Newspaper coverage
  • Star Tribune 1986-current (via eLibrary Minnesota)
  • MHS Newspaper Collection
    • Largest single collection of Minnesota newspapers with dates ranging from 1849 to the present day
  • Historical Minneapolis Tribune 1867-1922 on the internet via MHS website

• Law review or bar journal articles
  • Westlaw (not comprehensive for all publications and dates)
  • MN Legal Periodical Index (index of MN legal articles 1984-present)
    • Paper copies of articles available at State Law Library
  • Google Scholar (indexes some HeinOnline content)
What if the law is too old?
It’s pre-1991 and there are no recordings!

• *Session Daily* – archived back to 2004
• *Session Weekly & Senate Briefly*
  • Issues from 1985 to the present are available at the Legislative Reference Library, with some online (SW - 1995-2012) and SB- 1995-2009)
  • Both publications summarize their respective committees' discussions and floor actions on a weekly basis during Session.
• Session Notebooks at LRL
• Legislative Time Capsule - back to territorial legislature
  [https://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/timecapsule/](https://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/timecapsule/)

Session Dates (All Sessions)

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HF747 (Kahn) State high school league governing board appointing authority provisions modified.

**Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY**
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Criminal justice education funding issues: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU); POST Board; and Department of Finance.
Review of technology requests for criminal justice information system: Supreme Court; and Department of Public Safety.

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Yellow lights flashing

Last November, a person driving a pickup truck approached a school bus from behind, and although the yellow warning lights on the bus were flashing, the pickup driver slipped onto the road shoulder and passed the bus.

At the time, the bus was slowing to a halt near the home of Hampton-area resident Linda Homan, who was seeing her 5-year-old daughter off to kindergarten. Homan said she and her daughter were fortunate to escape without being hit when the pickup passed “right on our toes.”

Homan did not have such good luck when she tried to get police to do something about the incident.

“We are very concerned that these school bus violations are being taken far too lightly by our legal system,” Homan said during March 17 testimony before the House Transportation and Transit Committee.

Homan noticed the license plate number of the passing pickup and figured she had the driver dead to rights. She was disappointed

HF454, sponsored by Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park), would allow collector car owners to preserve the “lines and design” of their vehicles, most of which were manufactured without a front license plate bracket.

Under the bill, certain vehicles from model years 1968 and earlier would be allowed to display only a rear license plate. The bill would cover automobiles registered as pioneer, classic, or collector cars and street rods.

All such registrations require that the vehicle be used as a collector’s item and not for general transportation.

Rep. Rich Stanek (R-Maple Grove), who is a Minneapolis police officer, was one of the two House members to vote against the bill. Allowing such vehicles to travel with only one license plate could hinder police investigations of hit-and-run accidents and other incidents.

“You’ve just cut your chances of identifying that vehicle by 50 percent,” Stanek said.

The bill now moves the Senate.
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CQE
New drunk-driver law praised for toughness

By Allen Short
Staff Writer

Minnesota's tough new drunk-driving law was lauded today by state law enforcement officials, who promptly tempered their praise by saying they may not have enough officers to enforce it properly.

"I'm pretty happy with it," said State Patrol Chief Roger Ledding of the new law. "It does away with a lot of obstacles that stood in the way of enforcement."

But Ledding and Forst Lowery, Alcohol Program Coordinator for the Public Safety Department, said the new measure wouldn't affect the number of police officers available to make arrests of drunk drivers.

"I hope no one thinks the problem is going to go away with a good law," said Lowery. "Without massive increases in the number of drivers caught, we're not going to make any massive reduction in the drunk-driver problem in Minnesota."

Ledding predicted the bill passed unanimously Saturday by the Minnesota House and Senate will lead to an increase in DWI arrests by state patrol officers, who last year arrested a record 7,097 drivers, but only under one condition:

"We can expect a greater number only if we're able to maintain the patrol at its present strength," he said.

The patrol could lose as many as 40 of its 496 positions through an early retirement program approved by the Legislature as a cost-cutting move.

"If we're not able to replace these people, we may not see any increase at all (in DWI enforcement)," Ledding said.

The new law — the political darling of the 1982 Minnesota Legislature — provides for speedier trials and harsher penalties for drunk drivers. It also creates a new "impaired-driving" category that allows a police officer to issue a warning to drivers who are near but not over the legal intoxication limit.

Gov. Al Quie has said he will sign the bill into law.

Here are some of the measure's highlights:

- A driver who refuses or fails an alcohol test will have his license to drive revoked within seven days. This provision eliminates court maneuvers under which some DWI suspects have delayed license revocation for more than a year.

- A police officer may now demand that a driver take an alcohol test after being stopped for any reason. If an officer stops a motorist for having a headlight out and smells alcohol on the driver's breath, for example, the officer can require the test. Until now, an officer had to have other forms of probable cause for the breath test, such as witnessing erratic driving.

- Drivers whose blood alcohol levels are between .07 percent and .10 percent are now subject to a charge of "impaired driving." A warning will be issued to first-time offenders. An evaluation and possible treatment for alcohol abuse may be required for a second offense.

- Repeat offenders will face longer periods without their driver's license. A license could be revoked for a year upon the third conviction and for two years on additional convictions, compared to 90 days now.

Ledding said his highest praise for the impaired-driving provision, saying it will "convince a lot of law-abiding folks not to take a chance" on being cited.

"They may show a little more restraint now when it comes to social drinking," the patrol chief said.

Under the new measure, a driver cited for impaired driving would be allowed to drive home, even if his or her blood alcohol level were close to the .10 percent limit for legal intoxication.

"It's a problem," said Ledding. Some drivers function better at .10 percent than other drivers do at .09 levels, he noted.
The 2013 session

Despite the DFL’s control of state government, the MMA still had to fight for health and human services funding.

BY DAN HAUSER

With one party controlling the House, the Senate and the governor’s office, some observers might have assumed that the 2013 legislative session would have gone smoothly.

“The world of politics isn’t that simple or straightforward, however,” notes Dave Renner, the MMA’s director of state and federal legislation. “While it was a very successful session overall, it was not without its bumps and bruises.”

The largest bump came in March when House and Senate leaders released their budget targets with $150 million in cuts to Health and Human Services general fund spending. By the end of the session that number had changed to $60 million thanks to budget maneuvers that brought in more federal money. “Getting that amount revised was a considerable improvement but still below what the MMA would have liked to have seen,” Renner says.

Cutting the HHS budget is nothing new. “It has been a frequent target for lawmakers,” Renner says. “Between 2009 and 2012, the state cut more than $2 billion in HHS spending. Fortunately, we were able to convince House and Senate leaders that you can’t cut your way to a healthier Minnesota.”

Another bump was felt in April when Senate leaders proposed rescinding the provider tax repeal during budget discussions (the tax is scheduled to go away at the end of 2019). This move would have kept the tax indefinitely. The proposal quickly met resistance from the MMA, the Minnesota Dental Association and other health care provider organizations, and was soon withdrawn.

Ensuring the continued phase-out of the provider tax was among the MMA’s six top priorities for the session. The others were:

- Establishing a Minnesota health insurance exchange
- Expanding Medicaid (Medical Assistance) in Minnesota
- Promoting collaborative care delivery, not independent practice for advanced practice registered nurses
- Investing in medical education
- Increasing the tobacco tax to reduce smoking rates.

The MMA also kept an eye on a number of other issues including legislation dealing with prescription opioid abuse, the state’s newborn screening program, repackaging of medications at clinics, cuts to workers’ compensation health care reimbursements and prohibiting tanning for minors.

Following, we examine the hits, the misses and the unresolved issues from the 2013 session.
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Effective Dates

Minn. Stat. 645.02 EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME OF LAWS.

Each act, except one making appropriations, enacted finally at any session of the legislature takes effect on August 1 next following its final enactment, unless a different date is specified in the act.

An appropriation act or an act having appropriation items enacted finally at any session of the legislature takes effect at the beginning of the first day of July next following its final enactment, unless a different date is specified in the act.

Each act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day it becomes effective, unless a different time is specified in the act.
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Example of different date in session law:

Sec. 11. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Sections 1 and 4 to 6 are effective August 1, 1999, and apply to crimes committed on or after that date.

Sections 7 to 9 are effective July 1, 2000, and apply to offenders sentenced or released on or after that date.

Section 10 is effective the day after final enactment.
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For a bill passed by the legislature and allowed to become law without signature by the governor, it means the end of the last day on which the governor could have returned the bill with a veto to the legislature.

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For a bill passed by the legislature but vetoed and reconsidered and approved by the legislature after the veto, it means the date and time of day of the final legislative vote approving the vetoed bill.
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