

Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee,

It is the understanding of the Minnesota Correctional Officer Retirement Association (MNCORA) that on the March 20th meeting of the LCPR HF 1234 will be being discussed and that part of that is a PERA recommendation to change ss [353.031](#) subd 8.  
(See PERA [2023 PERA Police & Fire Disability Modifications](#) Page 5, Disability Reapplication).

The change in 353.031 subd 8 would mark a reversal of decades of Administrative law changing the burden on a denied disability appeal from PERA to the disabled member. This change if allowed without amendment would affect PERA Correctional Plan members who are not the subject of HF 1234.

**MNCORA asks that an Amendment be written to exclude the PERA Correctional Plan members form the change.**

HF 1234 is dealing primarily with the PTSD Disability retirements of Police. The change sought in 353.031 subd 8 will affect ALL PERA disability retirees.

PERA Correctional members go out on duty disability almost always due to physical injuries. I reference the [6 CO's at Stillwater](#) and MCF Oak Park Heights that were hospitalized this past week after being assaulted. This sort of violence occurs across Minnesota in Jails on PERA CO's too! Far too often.

MNCORA objects to the change based on current law, decades long past practice, cost to the disabled members and the fact there was no notification to PERA Correctional Plan members or other PERA Pension members, just Police and Fire for input.

Signed,

**The Minnesota Correctional Officer Association Executive Board**