



Minnesota
State Bar
Association

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Re: HF43

House Public Safety Committee Members:

The Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA) is a voluntary professional association representing 13,000 attorneys statewide. The MSBA supports passage of HF43.

The intersection of criminal law and immigration law is complex and critically important. The seemingly meaningless difference between 365-day and 364-day maximum sentences for gross misdemeanors can actually cause significantly negative consequences in certain situations. A gross misdemeanor sentence maximum of 364 days would minimize uncertainty and imbalances, and the MSBA therefore urges you to support HF43.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryan Lake", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bryan Lake, MSBA lobbyist