

Chapter 97

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Subject Public Safety Policy

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Overview

This act contains public safety policy provisions, including proposals from the Department of Public Safety and Department of Corrections.

Article 1: Public Safety

Section Description – Article 1: Public Safety

- 1 **Classifications.**
Classifies as private data on individuals that are collected or used for research purposes by the Office of Justice Programs.
- 2 **Office for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives.**
Creates cross-references in chapter 13 for existing data provisions in other chapters of statute.
- 3 **Office for Missing and Murdered Black Women and Girls.**
Creates cross-references in chapter 13 for existing data provisions in other chapters of statute.
- 4 **Crime victims.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 5 **Generally.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 6 **Additional services.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 7 **Violence prevention.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”

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- 8 **30-day residency requirement.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 9 **Family violence waiver criteria.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 10 **Election day registration.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 11 **Delivery of ballots.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 12 **Generally.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 13 **Resident.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 14 **Excluded time.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 15 **No durational test.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 16 **Paternity educational materials.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 17 **Establishment of team.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 18 **Duties.**
Requires the Office of Missing and Indigenous Relatives to provide case support to victims and families. Adds definitions. Classifies as private data created as part of case support work.
- 19 **Duties.**
Requires the Office of Missing and Murdered Black Women and Girls to provide case support to victims and families. Adds definitions. Classifies as private data created as part of case support work.

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- 20 **Standards for domestic abuse counseling programs and domestic abuse educational programs.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 21 **Minimum fines.**
Removes the term “victim” from a reference to “domestic abuse victim shelters.”
- 22 **Petition; contents; fee.**
Amends the information that must be included in a prosecutor’s petition for a prosecutor-initiated sentencing adjustment to replace a requirement that the prosecutor provide the names of any victims with a requirement that the prosecutor identify the number of victims, if any.
- 23 **Records pertaining to victim identity confidential.**
Adds the offense of use of minors in sexual performance to the list of offenses for which the victim’s identity must not be revealed in a petition, complaint, or indictment unless ordered by the court.
- 24 **Gross misdemeanor.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 25 **Definitions.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 26 **Plea agreements; notification of victim.**
Clarifies that a victim has the right to object to a plea agreement at the plea hearing and that the victim has a right to be present at both a plea hearing and a sentencing hearing. Requires the court to notify a victim when an offense dismissed as part of a plea agreement will be eligible for automatic expungement.
- 27 **Plea hearing.**
Requires a court to ask a prosecutor during a plea hearing if a victim has been notified of a plea agreement and the plea hearing, and if the victim wishes to express any objection to the plea agreement.
- 28 **Definition.**
Amends the definition of “violent crime” used in the victims’ rights chapter to include stalking.

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- 29 **Right to submit statement at sentencing.**
Clarifies that a prosecutor’s designee can present a victim’s statement to the court. Requires a court to ask a prosecutor during a sentencing hearing if a victim has been notified of the hearing and if the victim wishes to make or submit a statement.
- 30 **Notice required.**
Adds a requirement to the notice prosecutors are required to give to victims after a conviction, acquittal, or dismissal in a criminal case that specifies prosecutors must provide information about charges that may be eligible for automatic expungement.
- 31 **Commissioner.**
For purposes of domestic abuse programs under sections 611A.31 to 611A.35, makes the commissioner of public safety the responsible person, rather than the commissioner of corrections.
- 32 **Electronic monitoring; condition of pretrial release.**
Removes the term “battered women” which is replaced with “domestic abuse.”
- 33 **Revisor instruction.**
Directs the revisor to replace the term “battered women” with “domestic abuse victims” or a similar term throughout statute and make any necessary grammatical changes.

Article 2: Impaired Driving; Driver’s Licenses

Section Description – Article 2: Impaired Driving; Driver’s Licenses

- 1 **Credential identifier and designation data.**
Makes a conforming change, to create a cross reference in a state statute that identifies data practices provisions.
- 2 **Privacy of data.**
Modifies direction to the Department of Public Safety on driver’s license holder data disclosure when it is required or permitted to be disseminated based on a federal law. Makes disclosure in bulk form discretionary for the department.
- 3 **Other data provisions.**
Broadens a restriction on data sharing with federal agencies regarding a firearms safety designation on driver’s licenses and Minnesota identification cards, to include autism spectrum disorder and mental health designations.

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- 4 **Certain data on indicators and designations.**
Classifies data for various indicators and designations on a driver’s license or Minnesota identification card as private data on individuals. This has the effect of preventing the Department of Public Safety from disseminating that information to the general public or disseminating it to any other party unless the department has specific statutory authorization to do so.
- 5 **Test refusal; driving privilege lost.**
Extends the period for which a temporary license issued when a person’s driver’s license is suspended for refusing to take a chemical test is valid from seven days to 14 days. This change is consistent with other changes made to the ignition interlock program in 2025.
- 6 **Driving while impaired conviction or adjudication; period of license revocation.**
Replaces and clarifies a provision being repealed in the act. Maintains current law providing that, when a person commits a single act and the commissioner revokes the person’s license for both (1) a test showing that the person’s blood alcohol concentration is above the legal limit or refusing to take a test and (2) being convicted of driving under the influence, only the revocation period for the conviction applies as long as the violation is a first offense, the person’s alcohol concentration is less than twice the legal limit, and the aggravating factor related to having a passenger who was a minor does not apply.
- 7 **Definitions.**
Modifies the definition of “program participant” in a state statute on the ignition interlock program, to identify additional circumstances for the underlying loss of driving privileges of a participant in the program. Makes technical changes.
- 8 **Repealer.**
Repeals a driver’s license revocation period provision that was made partially obsolete by changes to ignition interlock and removal of driving privileges made in 2025 legislation, which is being substantially replaced in the act.

Article 3: Identity Theft; Financial Crimes

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- 1 **Authority.**
Amends the authority for the attorney general to issue administrative subpoenas to include information related to a law enforcement investigation of financial crimes and fraud, including fraud involving state-funded or administered programs or

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services and insurance fraud. Limits the use of administrative subpoenas to situations in which there is probable cause to believe that a crime was committed.

2 Authority.

Amends the authority for county attorneys to issue administrative subpoenas to include information related to a law enforcement investigation of financial crimes and fraud, including fraud involving state-funded or administered programs or services and insurance fraud. Limits the use of administrative subpoenas to situations in which there is probable cause to believe that a crime was committed.

3 Definitions.

Defines the term “forged digital likeness” for use in the statute criminalizing identity theft. Establishes that a forged digital likeness is an image or audio recording created or altered using technological means with the intent to misrepresent the image or audio as belonging to a particular individual. Amends the definition of “identity” in the statute criminalizing identity theft to include a forged digital likeness.

4 Limitations.

Establishes that the statute of limitations for the following offenses is seven years after the act occurred and that the period applies to cases in which the current limitations period has not expired:

- Section 80A.75 (violation of securities laws);
- Section 508.80 (fraudulent certificate of title);
- Section 609.445 (failure to pay state funds);
- Section 609.52, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (4) (theft by swindle);
- Section 609.53 (receiving stolen property); and
- Section 609.645 (fraudulent statements).

Article 4: Corrections

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1 Provision of medications in correctional facilities.

Modifies the statute that requires jails to provide inmates with prescriptions for the drugs they were taking at the time they were incarcerated, which the legislature enacted last session.

- Requires jails to make reasonable efforts to determine if an inmate’s prescription is valid;

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- Defines the term “Jarvis” order by connecting it to section 253B.092, subdivision 8, which is the statutory standard applied in “Jarvis” cases. (Jarvis orders authorize the involuntary administration of neuroleptic (antipsychotic) medication to civilly committed patients who lack the capacity to consent);
- Authorizes a jail’s health care professional to change an inmate’s prescription under certain circumstances;
- Authorizes a jail’s health care professional to cease or change an inmate’s medication if use of the medication results in an emergency health care situation; and
- Removes the requirement that an inmate must provide written notice to the jail health care professional of the inmate’s decision to decline a prescription.

2 Definition.

Adds a definition of “private business” to the MINNCOR statute.

3 Reports and financial statements.

Para (a). Requires the commissioner to disclose a calculation of the profitability of each contract MINNCOR has with a private business.

Para (b). Requires the commissioner to post on the agency’s website the Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program (PIECP) wage for each region of the state where MINNCOR is contracting with a private business. (See section 4 for details on PIECP wage.)

4 Interaction with private business.

Para (a). Requires MINNCOR to participate in the United States Bureau of Justice Assistance’s PIECP. Specifically, MINNCOR must:

- calculate and set the PIECP wage (i.e., the prevailing wage rate in a geographic region) for each region of the state based on DEED’s wage survey;
- separately track wages paid to inmates at either the PIECP wage or the non-PIECP wage which is a wage rate that is exempt from the PIECP’s prevailing wage requirement;
- not use a blended wage rate that combines PIECP wages and non-PIECP wages when assessing and evaluating contract costs, profitability, and potential partnerships with private businesses; and
- classify and document each inmate’s MINNCOR position as either a PIECP wage position or a non-PIECP wage position.

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Para (b). Prohibits MINNCOR from subsidizing private businesses.

Para (c). Requires MINNCOR to account for all labor, manufacturing, general, and administrative costs when establishing standard contract rates.

Para (d). Requires MINNCOR to recapture the fair market value for use of Department of Corrections floor space and storage that is dedicated to a private business.

Para (e). Requires MINNCOR to use the prevailing wage rate for the industry in which the inmates are working as determined by DEED, when entering a contract with a private business.

Para (f). Requires private businesses that contract with MINNCOR to regularly provide the commissioner with the total number of full-time equivalent employees employed by the business. Prohibits MINNCOR from contracting with a private business if the inmate labor provided under the contract will exceed four incarcerated persons for every full-time equivalent employee of the business.

5 Displacement of private sector workers; verification.

Requires the commissioner of DEED to verify that each contract MINNCOR enters will not result in the displacement of employed private sector workers.

6 Adopting policy for earned compliance credit; supervision abatement status.

Requires the commissioner of corrections to consider an inmate's record for fulfilling their victim restitution obligation before placing the inmate on supervision abatement status.

7 Community Supervision Working Group.

Establishes a working group to study and make recommendations on changes needed to provide clarity regarding the roles, responsibilities, and obligations of the different systems providing supervision to offenders when a county transitions between the systems operated by the county or state. Describes the membership of the working group, establishes when the first meeting must take place, and describes the group's duties. Requires that the working group submit a report to the legislature by December 15, 2026.

8 Effective date.

Establishes July 1, 2026, as the effective date for the policy changes contained in sections 2 to 5 of this article and specifies that contracts entered into before July 1, 2026, are not subject to those sections.

Article 5: Department of Corrections Licensing

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- 1 **Licensing and inspecting juvenile and adult community-based residential correctional facilities.**
- Subd. 1. Scope.** Defines the scope of this section and sections 2 and 3.
- Subd. 2. Definitions.** Defines “commissioner,” “critical incident,” “department,” “emergency or unusual occurrence,” “facility administrator,” “local correctional facility,” and “state correctional facility” for purposes sections 241.011 to 241.013.
- Subd. 3. Local correctional facilities; inspection and licensing.** Recodifies the commissioner’s obligation to inspect local correctional facilities in the state.
- Subd. 4. Inspecting facilities for compliance; publishing inspection reports.** Requires the commissioner to inspect each local facility at least once every two years and to make the inspection report available to the public.
- Subd. 5. Granting license; expiration.** Authorizes the commissioner to issue two-year licenses to local facilities.
- Subd. 6. Providing and accessing facility data.** Requires local facilities to provide data required by statute or requested by the commissioner regardless of restrictions placed on that data by chapter 13.
- Subd. 7. Reporting; deaths, emergencies or unusual occurrences, and critical incidents.** Requires local facilities to report deaths and critical incidents to the commissioner.
- Subd. 8. Death review teams.** Requires a death review team to assess the circumstances and causes of the death of a juvenile in a local facility.
- Subd. 9. Rulemaking.** Requires the commissioner to adopt rules for local correctional facilities for the management, operation, and physical condition of the facilities and the security, safety, health, treatment, and discipline of individuals detained or housed in or served by the facilities.
- 2 **Licensing actions against juvenile and adult community-based residential correctional facilities.**
- Subd. 1. Correction order; conditional license.** Directs the commissioner to promptly notify a facility when there is a significant deficiency that jeopardizes the facility’s license. Authorizes the commissioner to issue a conditional license

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to a local facility to allow the facility time to correct specified significant deficiencies.

Subd. 2. Requesting review of conditional license order. Establishes the protocol for the commissioner to follow when a facility administrator requests a review of a conditional license order.

Subd. 3. License revocation order. Establishes the grounds that would justify the commissioner revoking the license of a local correctional facility. Specifies what information the commissioner must include in a notice of intent to revoke and in a final revocation order. Establishes the protocol for a facility to respond to a revocation notice.

Subd. 4. Reconsideration orders. Establishes the protocol for a facility to request that the commissioner reconsider a revocation order.

Subd. 5. Temporary immediate license suspension. Sets forth the emergency circumstances when the commissioner must issue a temporary license suspension without delay.

Subd. 6. Requesting reconsideration of temporary immediate suspension. Establishes the protocol for a facility to request that the commissioner reconsider an order immediately suspending its license.

Subd. 7. Appealing commissioner’s reconsideration request. Authorizes a facility to appeal an order under this section to the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Subd. 8. Public notice of restriction, revocation, or suspension. Requires the commissioner to provide public notice of a license restriction, suspension, or revocation under this section.

3 Licensing and inspecting local juvenile correctional facilities.

Subd. 1. Scope. Establishes that this section applies to juvenile facilities licensed by the commissioner.

Subd. 2. Facilities for children and youth; inspection and licensing. Requires the commissioner to inspect juvenile facilities and authorizes the commissioner to issue juvenile facilities licenses that last up to two years.

Subd. 3. Commissioner consultation. Requires local juvenile facilities to consult the commissioner “as needed” to strengthen services to the juveniles they serve.

Subd. 4. Affected municipality; notice. Requires the commissioner to give notice to affected communities prior to issuing a juvenile facility license.

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Subd. 5. Licensing with juveniles from outside the state. Places restrictions on issuing licenses to juvenile facilities that house juveniles who are not residents of Minnesota.

Subd. 6. Licensing actions. Empowers the commissioner to invoke the same licensure actions against juvenile facilities that are available in section 2.

Subd. 7. Education for juveniles. Requires the commissioner of education to approve a juvenile facility’s education plan prior to the commissioner of corrections issuing the facility a license.

Subd. 8. Rulemaking. Directs the commissioner to adopt rules for local juvenile facilities.

4 Security audits for state correctional facilities.

Recodifies and updates the governing provisions of the state correctional facilities security audit group.

5 Correctional facilities; inspection; licensing.

Contains conforming changes to reflect new sections governing licensure of local correctional facilities and juvenile facilities in sections 1 through 3.

6 Report.

Contains conforming changes to reflect new sections governing licensure of local correctional facilities and juvenile facilities in sections 1 through 3.

7 Definition.

Amends the definition of “correctional facility” for purposes of section 241.021 to mean any jail or lockup.

8 Rulemaking; Department of Corrections; licensed juvenile facilities.

Subd. 1. Administrative and medical separation. Requires juvenile facilities to notify the commissioner when a juvenile is placed in administrative or medical separation for more than seven days.

Subd. 2. Rulemaking. Requires the commissioner to adopt rules implementing the notice requirement established in subdivision 1.

9 Revisor instruction.

Directs the revisor to renumber sections in chapter 241.

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- 10 **Repealer.**
Repeals provisions related to the Department of Corrections that are recodified, with amendments, elsewhere in the article or obsolete.

Article 6: Criminal Law

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- 1 **Aggravating factors.**
Establishes that it is an aggravating factor that can justify a departure from the presumptive sentence established by the Sentencing Guidelines Commission if an adult offender intentionally deceives a minor into believing that the offender is also a minor in order to facilitate the commission of an offense.
- 2 **Deception regarding age as sentencing factor.**
Directs that, when determining an appropriate sentence, a judge can consider whether an adult offender intentionally deceived a minor into believing that the offender was also a minor in order to facilitate the commission of the offense.
- 3 **Unintentional murders.**
Adds protective orders issued by Canada or a Canadian province to orders that can form the basis for a charge of unintentional murder in the second degree and clarifies that orders issued by the District of Columbia, a Tribal jurisdiction, and a United States territory are also included.
- 4 **Notice to petitioner.**
Requires that, on request, a sheriff or other person who has served an order for protection take reasonable steps to notify the petitioner before or immediately after service.

Article 7: Domestic Violence

Section Description – Article 7: Domestic Violence

- 1 **Reporting.**
Amends the reporting requirement for the independent Use of Force Investigations Unit in the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to require information about the

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- number of incidents that began with a law enforcement response to suspected or alleged domestic abuse.
- 2 **Relief by court.**
Authorizes a court to issue an order releasing a person petitioning for an order for protection from a shared wireless contract.
- 3 **Transfer or release of domestic abuse victims from shared wireless plans.**
Establishes the conditions under which a judge can issue an order requiring that a person who petitioned for an order for protection be released from a shared wireless contract if the respondent is the account holder. Specifies when the petitioner may be removed from the account or the account may be transferred. Requires the court to issue a separate order regarding the shared wireless plan and specifies that the order must be directed to the wireless provider. Waives the filing fee for requesting such an order. Directs the wireless carriers to keep relevant information confidential and establishes immunity for the wireless carriers for actions taken pursuant to a court order. Establishes that nothing in this state law supersedes or limits relief under federal law.
- 4 **Definitions.**
Amends the definition of “domestic abuse case” in the statute that requires prosecutors to establish plans and procedures for handling domestic abuse cases. The amendment adds harassment and stalking committed against a family or household member, a violation of a harassment restraining order committed against a family or household member, and a violation of a domestic abuse no contact order to the list of cases that qualify as domestic abuse cases.
- 5 **Domestic abuse; reporting.**
Requires the head of a law enforcement agency to report to the Department of Public Safety on incidents that a responding peace officer believes involved domestic violence. Requires that the report include specific information about each incident, including the date, time, and location of the incident; whether the officer arrested a person; whether the alleged offender possessed a firearm at the time of the offense; and whether the incident was referred for prosecution. Requires the commissioner of public safety to summarize and analyze the information from the agencies and submit a report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety. This section is effective January 1, 2028.
- 6 **Arrest; referral for prosecution.**
Amends the limitation on when an officer can make an arrest for an alleged nonfelony domestic abuse offense that occurred outside the presence of the law enforcement officer from within 72 hours of the incident to within 14 days of the

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- incident. Directs officers to seek an arrest warrant without undue delay when there is probable cause to believe that a person committed an act that constitutes an offense involving domestic abuse or related conduct. Specifies that a warrant issued under this section is not subject to the limitations on when a nonfelony warrant can be used to arrest a person who is not in public. Those limitations prohibit arrests on Sunday or between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- 7 **Report required.**
Requires peace officers to make a written report and share the report with the alleged victim, that person’s attorney, and designated agencies that provide services to victims of domestic abuse when the officer investigates an offense against a family or household member that is a qualified domestic violence-related offense. Current law requires sharing reports of nonfelony offenses.
- 8 **Detention in lieu of citation; release.**
Clarifies that detention of a person arrested under suspicion of violating an order for protection (OFP) or a domestic abuse no contact order (DANCO) is subject to the requirements of those statutes. Directs an officer in charge of a police station or jail to consider specific factors when determining whether to release a person on a citation.
- 9 **Judicial review; release; bail.**
Requires prosecutors to present certain information to a judge when the judge is considering the terms of release for a person charged with an offense related to domestic abuse. Authorizes the prosecutor to submit the information and a bail recommendation through the court’s electronic filing system. Requires a judge to make certain findings, including whether the person has any history of committing domestic abuse, when establishing conditions for a person’s release.
- 10 **Repealer.**
Repeals section 629.72, subdivision 3. This is a conforming change related to the requirement that a person arrested for certain domestic abuse offenses be held in custody until the person’s first court appearance.

Article 8: Prediction Markets

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- 1 **Cease and desist orders.**
Authorizes the Division of Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement to issue cease and desist orders to businesses violating the limits on prediction markets.
- 2 **What are not bets.**
Specifies that shares in a prediction market are not the type of security or commodity excluded from the definition of a “bet.” This means that those shares would be treated as a form of illegal gambling.
- 3 **Prediction markets.**
Defines terms including “athletic event,” “esports event,” “game of skill,” “prediction market,” and “public property” as used in this new section. Specifies that a prediction market is a system that allows consumers to place a wager on the outcome of a future event that is not determined by the performance of the parties and lists examples of such events. Establishes a felony penalty for an entity that creates, operates, or otherwise facilitates the operation of a prediction market. Establishes a felony for advertising prediction markets. Contains an exception stating that the limit related to sporting events does not apply to acts that are not bets as defined in law or to insurance contracts.

Article 9: Criminal History

Section Description – Article 9: Criminal History

- 1 **Definitions.**
Requires the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to perform background checks at the request of the Office of the Legislative Auditor.
- 2 **Evidence of rehabilitation.**
Authorizes disqualifying a person from public employment based on a criminal conviction regardless of whether the applicant shows evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of the position. Amends the standard for showing that a person who committed a crime is eligible for public employment to clarify that the factors relate to both evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness. Removes a distinction between documentary evidence from certain third parties and other evidence presented for consideration.

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- 3 **Notification upon denial of employment or disqualification from occupation.**
Clarifies that the limits related to reapplication for employment or licensing relate only to application with a hiring or licensing authority as defined in statute. Makes a grammatical change.

Article 10: Protections for Judicial Officials

Section Description – Article 10: Protections for Judicial Officials

- 1 **Definitions.**
Amends the definition of “judicial official” for purposes of laws prohibiting the dissemination of certain personal information regarding judges and court staff to include current and retired judges and current employees of the Department of Employment and Economic Development Unemployment Insurance and Paid Leave Divisions.
- 2 **Definitions.**
Amends the definition of “judicial official” for purposes of laws prohibiting the dissemination of certain information regarding the real property records of judges and court staff to include current and retired judges and current employees of the Department of Employment and Economic Development Unemployment Insurance and Paid Leave Divisions.

Article 11: Grant Extensions

Section Description – Article 11: Grant Extensions

- 1 **Office of Justice Programs.**
Authorizes the Office of Justice Programs to use an appropriation made in fiscal year 2023 until December 15, 2026.
- 2 **Office of Higher Education.**
Authorizes the Office of Higher Education to use an appropriation made in fiscal year 2026 until the end of fiscal year 2027.

Article 12: First Responders

Section Description – Article 12: First Responders

- 1 **Sale or transfer of law enforcement vehicle.**
Sets limitations on sale or transfer of a law enforcement vehicle and provides for violations.

 Subd. 1. Definition. Defines “law enforcement vehicle” for the section.

 Subd. 2. Prohibition. 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.

 Subd. 3. 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.

 Subd. 4. Violations. Establishes liability and civil penalties for sale or transfer of a law enforcement vehicle in violation of the marking and equipment limitations.

 Subd. 5. Enforcement. Provides explicit authority for county and city attorneys to bring a civil lawsuit for a violation of this section.

 Subd. 6. Exemption. Creates an exemption for vehicles registered as a collector’s item.
- 2 **Carcinogen.**
Defines the term “carcinogen” for purposes of sections 299A.41 to 299A.46 (Public Safety Officer Survivor Benefits).
- 3 **Exposure-related cancer.**
Defines the term “exposure-related cancer” for purposes of sections 299A.41 to 299A.46 (Public Safety Officer Survivor Benefits).
- 4 **Killed in the line of duty.**
Adds death from an exposure-related cancer and various other ailments directly connected to the profession of firefighting to the definition of killed in the line of duty for purposes of determining public safety officer survivor benefits eligibility.
- 5 **Nonroutine strenuous physical activity.**
Defines the term “nonroutine strenuous physical activity” for purposes of sections 299A.41 to 299A.46 (Public Safety Officer Survivor Benefits).

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- 6 **Nonroutine stressful or strenuous physical activity.**
Defines the term “nonroutine stressful or strenuous physical activity” for purposes of sections 299A.41 to 299A.46 (Public Safety Officer Survivor Benefits).
- 7 **Nonroutine stressful physical activity.**
Defines the term “nonroutine stressful physical activity” for purposes of sections 299A.41 to 299A.46 (Public Safety Officer Survivor Benefits).
- 8 **Public safety officer.**
Makes survivors of part-time and paid on-call firefighters who die in the line of duty eligible for survivor benefits.
- 9 **Determining what is routine.**
Provides guidance on determining which activities are considered “routine” for purposes of sections 299A.41 to 299A.46.
- 10 **Exposure-related cancer claims.**
Permits persons to file exposure-related cancer claims for public safety officer deaths that occurred after January 1, 2020.
- 11 **Award amount.**
Requires that tuition benefits offered to survivors of public safety officers who die in the line of duty shall be divided among eligible applicants in case there are insufficient funds to fully fund all requests.
- 12 **Task force to establish a statewide network funding for public safety radio communications infrastructure.**
Establishes a task force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding transitioning the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) network and related interoperable communications to a statewide, state-funded framework. Establishes the membership, meeting requirements, and duties of the task force. Requires that the task force submit a report by February 15, 2027. Authorizes the task force to request funding through the Statewide Emergency Communications Board.

Article 13: Human Rights

Section Description – Article 13: Human Rights

- 1 **Conduct of hearings.**
Establishes that decisions of the commissioner of human rights may be appealed as a contested hearing without limitations. Requires the commissioner to decide within 30 days whether to forward a request to the Court of Administrative Hearings and removes the existing authority for the commissioner to designate where the hearing must be conducted.



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