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From the President

"Rhona VanSchoonhoven – Goodhue County Court Services

As summer begins to wind down, I hope everyone has had an opportunity to enjoy vacation, spend time with family and friends, and maybe even make it to the Minnesota State Fair before school starts and the fall schedules begin! Summer goes by much too quickly, and suddenly we are heading into another busy season.

As the number of CPO counties across Minnesota becomes smaller, it is increasingly important that we remain engaged and have a strong voice in the conversations shaping the future of probation. MACPO is committed to ensuring the CPO perspective is represented and that the quality, innovation, and impact of the work happening in our counties continues to be recognized.

The statewide workload study is nearing completion, and we anticipate new recommendations regarding the probation funding formula soon. This work is an important step toward better understanding the resources needed to provide effective supervision and services across Minnesota.

Work also continues following the risk assessment validation study, as the state considers the results and determines the best path forward for an appropriate risk assessment tool for Minnesota probation.

At the same time, work continues on the development of statewide supervision standards. These standards will help shape supervision practices across Minnesota, making it especially important that CPO agencies remain engaged and represented throughout the process.

MACPO is also leading an effort to better understand the work agencies are doing that falls outside of the current funding formula. A statewide survey is being developed to gather information about pretrial supervision, adult and juvenile diversion, treatment courts, and other programming being provided by probation agencies. We hope to learn what services are being offered, the costs associated with them, and what outcome data agencies may have available.

We also recently had the opportunity to come together for the Safety Summit at Camp Ripley on August 26 and 27. The Summit was a collaboration between MACPO and the Department of Corrections and provided excellent training. Thank you to everyone who helped organize, present, and participate in the Summit. These partnerships and opportunities to learn from one another continue to strengthen our profession.

With all of this change comes an opportunity to help shape what comes next. Staying involved, sharing our experiences, and continuing to collaborate across the state will be important as we move forward.

Thank you to all of you for your continued dedication to our clients, our communities, and this career. I know the work isn't always easy, and I appreciate everything you do each day.



COMMITTEE UPDATES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

NICOLE GRAMS, STEELE WASECA PROBATION
NO UPDATE AT THIS TIME.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

THANK YOU FOR REACHING OUT AND STARTING ON THIS – GREAT WORK. PLEASE ADD ANYTHING YOU WANT TO OUR COMMITTEE'S UPDATE!

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HAS CONTINUED WORKING TOE KEEP MACPO MEMBERS INFORMED AND CONNECTED. RECENT EFFORTS INCLUDE:

- WEBSITE: THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE KEPT THE MACPO WEBSITE CURRENT WITH JOB OPENINGS, UPCOMING TRAININGS, AND OTHER TIMELY INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS.
- BOARD INFORMATION: UPDATED THE WEBSITE TO REFLECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND LEADERSHIP CHANGES.
- FACEBOOK: FOCUSED RECENT SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT ON NEW MINNESOTA LAWS IMPACTING PROBATION THAT TOOK EFFECT AUGUST 1, 2026, HELPING MEMBERS STAY INFORMED ABOUT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AFFECTING OUR PROFESSION.
- NEWSLETTER: CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MACPO NEWSLETTER TO SHARE ASSOCIATION NEWS, PROFESSIONAL UPDATES, AND INFORMATION RELEVANT TO MEMBERS.

OUR GOAL CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDING TIMELY, RELEVANT INFORMATION WHILE STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH MACPO MEMBERS ACROSS THE STATE.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE OPENED THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AGAIN ON JUNE 15TH. THIS WILL RUN UNTIL NOV 15TH. WE ARE JUST WAITING FOR SCHOOL TO START SO WE CAN SEND ALL THE INFORMATION TO PROFESSORS AT COLLEGES IN MN AND NEARBY STATES. ALSO GETTING THINGS PREPARED TO WORK THE MACPO BOOTH AT THE MCA CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER.

-EMILY OSTLUND

TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

THERE IS NO UPDATE AT THIS TIME.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

AMY HERTZOG, WRIGHT COUNTY COURT SERVICES (CHAIR)
RACHEL DECK, CASS COUNTY PROBATION (VICE CHAIR)

THERE IS NO UPDATE AT THIS TIME.

CPO DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEE

THERE IS NO UPDATE AT THIS TIME. MORE TO COME ON THE NEXT MACPOST ISSUE.

County Highlight

Freeborn County Pre-Trial and Probation Services – Sara Pardoe, Director



Freeborn County Probation has experienced several staffing changes in recent months. McKenzie Kosmoski joined our team in July as an Adult and Pretrial Agent, and Jessa Johnson joined as support staff in August. Agent Sara Pardoe accepted the Director position in August. We are currently working one agent down, but hope to fill that position soon.

Freeborn County Probation has also been busy working to improve and expand services available to our clients. Our truancy and juvenile agents have been offering a Life Skills group, which has quickly become a popular resource. They also spent time at the county fair providing education and information about truancy and the services available to youth and families. We recently received a grant to train juvenile agents in Decision Points, which will allow us to offer this to our younger clients soon.

We continue to offer Domestic Abuse programming, a DWI class, and the Sentence to Serve program. Our adult agents have also partnered with local DOC agents and Independent Management Services staff to offer Decision Points and Coffee Connections.

The Third Judicial District is in its seventh year offering the Veterans Treatment Court program. We are proud to continue providing specialized support and accountability to veterans in our community. In July 2024, we welcomed Judge Clinefelter to the Veterans Treatment Court following Judge Chase's retirement. This year, we were pleased to welcome Judge Hormann to the program following the retirement of Judge Leuning. We appreciate the dedication and leadership of all of our Judges, staff, and community partners who continue to make Veterans Treatment Court a valuable resource for the veterans we serve.

We are proud of the work our staff are doing to strengthen our programs, build community partnerships, and provide meaningful services and support to the individuals we serve.

I'm including a photo of those I could gather in the office. Some of our team members are remote or were out of the office.

Pictured: Sara Pardoe, Ben Babcock, McKenzie Kosmoski, Jenny Hendrickson, Jessa Johnson, Holly Wahlstrom, Jenny Habana, Crystal Farris, Amy Geyer, Dawn Fleek

Not Pictured: Darren Welsh, Jason Biesterfeld, Kati Carpenter, Monty Vikdal

09/11 Remembrance and Service

A quarter century after the September 11, 2001, attacks, 100 million Americans are too young to remember the day that changed our city and nation forever. It is our shared promise, made 25 years ago, to never forget so those born after 9/11 learn its significance and enduring legacy. As we commemorate this anniversary, a new generation will learn about the unimaginable loss we experienced and the inspiring stories of bravery, compassion, unity, and service that we witnessed, and have rippled through the decades.



Legislative Updates

In August of 2026, Minnesota introduces dozens of new laws. Below you will find updates on some laws and new ones that were put into place. There were several enacted that are pertinent to probation and law enforcement.

Deadline for cannabis lab testing requirements extended

A new law changes the timeline for allowing any accredited laboratory, including out-of-state facilities to test lower-potency hemp edibles and hemp-derived consumer products that don't contain intoxicating cannabinoids.

Cannabis and hemp products can now be tested at out-of-state facilities until May 31, 2027, instead of the previous date of Jan. 1, 2026. After that date, cannabis and hemp products must be tested at a Minnesota-licensed cannabis testing facility.

Sponsored by Rep. Jessica Hanson (DFL-Burnsville) and Sen. Lindsey Port (DFL-Burnsville), the new took effect March 28, 2026.

HF3615*/SF3670/CH43

New law bans access to nudification technology

Access to nudification technology will be banned.

Effective Aug. 1, 2026, "a person who owns or controls a website, application, software, program or other service must not allow a user to access, download or use the website, application, software, program or other service to nudify an image or video, or nudify an image or video on behalf of a user."

Advertising or promoting any website, application, software, program or other service that nudifies a video or image will also prohibited.

A person depicted in a nudified image or video will be permitted to bring a civil action in district court against the person who violated this section for compensatory damages, including mental anguish or suffering, in an amount up to three times the actual damages sustained; punitive damages; injunctive relief; reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursements; and other relief the court deems just and equitable.

Additionally, a violator will be subject to a civil penalty up to \$500,000 for each unlawful access, download or use. Those funds will be used by the Office of Justice Programs for grants to organizations to provide direct services and advocacy for victims of sexual assault, general crime, domestic violence and child abuse.

Rep. Jessica Hanson (DFL-Burnsville) and Sen. Erin Maye Quade (DFL-Apple Valley) sponsor the law.

HF1606*/SF1119/CH72

New law overhauls medical and adult-use cannabis supply chain

A new cannabis law will merge the medical and adult-use supply chains and create a new macrobusiness license.

Sponsored by Rep. Jessica Hanson (DFL-Burnsville) and Sen. D. Scott Dibble (DFL-Mpls), most of the law goes into effect Aug. 1, 2026.



However, a prominent portion of the law takes effect Jan. 1, 2027: elimination of the medical cannabis combination business license, creation of a macrobusiness license in its place and amending statutory provisions to reflect the changes.

Those include requiring a cannabis macrobusiness to obtain a medical cannabis manufacturing endorsement and at least one other medical cannabis endorsement.

A macrobusiness with a retail operations endorsement will be allowed to operate up to eight retail locations. If it has more than five locations, at least three will need to be in areas identified by the Office of Cannabis Management as high medical need areas. A macrobusiness with retail and medical cannabis retail operations endorsements will be required to carry and make available at each retail location all high medical need products identified by the office. Cannabis testing facilities will be allowed to prioritize the testing of high medical need products.

Under the new law, macrobusinesses that cultivate cannabis indoors will be allowed to cultivate up to 38,000 square feet of plant canopy.

Other provisions in the law will:

- effective Jan. 1, 2027, legalize a “ratio hemp-infused cannabis product” that contains no more than 100 milligrams of cannabidiol, cannabigerol, cannabinol or cannabichromene per serving, a maximum of 10 milligrams of THC per serving and 200 milligrams of THC per package for edibles and a maximum of 10 milligrams of THC per serving and two servings per container for beverages;
- simplify the Office of Cannabis Management’s annual market analysis of the cannabis industry and annual report to the Legislature;
- modify local control provisions that pertain to interim ordinances and reporting to the office;
- modify a local government’s ability to cap local registration by the number of residents;
- effective May 27, 2026, allow the Office of Cannabis Management to revoke an applicant’s qualified applicant status if it determines the applicant isn’t eligible for a license under state law. The office can then deny final license authorization if the applicant’s location would violate local zoning ordinances or state fire or building codes;
- amend the true party of interest standard to allow a person who contracts with a city or county to operate a maximum of 10 municipal cannabis stores and allow a person to hold up to 33% ownership of up to four social equity businesses;
- give the Office of Cannabis Management the authority to inspect unlicensed facilities where lower-potency hemp edibles are manufactured, processed or sold and allow the office to assess civil penalties to those facilities;
- require a cannabis cultivator, macrobusiness, mezzobusiness or microbusiness with a cannabis cultivation endorsement to choose to cultivate either indoors or outdoors;
- require the Office of Cannabis Management to publish a report by Jan. 15, 2027, with recommendations on administering a psilocybin therapeutic use program;
- allow a person, cooperative or business that holds a hemp business license to hold a cannabis license; and
- require local governments with retail registration authority that perform compliance checks to annually submit data on those checks to the Office of Cannabis Management.

HF4203/SF4401*/CH123





New judicial branch policy laws

A new law makes changes to some judicial branch operations.

Once the law takes effect Aug. 1, 2026, district courts will be permitted to publish a notice, summons, order or process in judicial proceedings on the official website of the Minnesota judicial branch if the judicial branch determines there is no qualified local newspaper for such notices.

A person petitioning for a dissolution or legal separation must notify the applicable county child support enforcement agency if either party is receiving public benefits. Per the new law, that requirement will apply only in cases where the dissolution or separation involves children.

Further, when an order for restitution is docketed as a civil judgment, the filing will not expire until it is satisfied or pursuant to a court order. Currently, civil judgments expire after 10 years.

Rep. Tina Liebling (DFL-Rochester) and Sen. Bonnie Westlin (DFL-Plymouth) are the sponsors.

HF3875*/SF4064/CH71

Termination of contracts for deed modified for victims of domestic violence

A right to petition the court to remove someone from a contract for deed when the person has committed domestic violence, sexual assault or harassment against another owner or their child is the focus of a new law.

A contract for deed is a seller-financed real estate transaction where the buyer(s) purchase a property by making installment payments directly to the seller instead of obtaining a traditional bank mortgage.

This new law that takes effect July 1, 2026, will allow an unmarried person to petition the court to terminate another person's interest in a contract for deed when that person has been the victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or harassment from the other person, and the person who committed the assault or abuse has not resided at the property and the person petitioning has been making payments for the home or other real property that is under contract.

Rep. Kelly Moller (DFL-Shoreview) and Sen. Heather Gustafson (DFL-Vadnais Heights) are the sponsors.

HF3970*/SF3907/CH80

School districts must adopt anonymous threat reporting system

The board of a school district or charter school must adopt a policy to implement the use of an anonymous threat reporting system by June 30, 2027, and implementing a system by July 1, 2028.

The law taking effect July 1, 2026, establishes requirements for anonymous threat reporting systems, including a 24-hour mobile application, website or toll-free hotline that can receive anonymous tips regarding dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful activity that occurs, or is threatened on, school property or relates to an enrolled student or school personnel. School districts or charter schools that do not implement their own system must provide information to students, families, employees and the school community about the Department of Public Safety's statewide anonymous threat reporting system.

Active data collected with anonymous threat reporting systems will be permitted to be shared among a school district, charter school, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Education, law enforcement agencies and noncriminal justice partners.

Data will become inactive when the school district or charter school, the Department of Education, or a law enforcement agency has determined it is no longer connected to a potential risk or threat, or two





years have passed following the last associated report of potential risk or threat.

The law will appropriate \$4 million in Fiscal Year 2027 for grants to schools for the development, purchase, implementation, operation and maintenance of anonymous threat reporting systems. It will also appropriate \$1 million in Fiscal Year 2027 to the Department of Public Safety and Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for staffing and operating costs related to threat assessment and investigations.

Compensatory education revenue

Additionally, the law will provide \$10 million statewide in additional compensatory education revenue for Fiscal Year 2027 for school buildings scheduled to receive less compensatory circumstances revenue in fiscal year 2027 than in 2026. It'll also adjust general education aid from Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028.

Rep. Cheryl Youakim (DFL-Hopkins) and Sen. Steve Cwudzinski (DFL-Eden Prairie) are the sponsors.

HF2433/SF2255*/CH117

Peace officers must disclose their use of chemical irritants within a building

Notice and disclosure will need to be given when peace officers deploy chemical irritants within a building.

Chemical irritants such as tear gas and pepper spray are often used to force a person to leave a room or building. Peace officers may also use smoke screens and diversionary devices (such as "flash bang" devices) when entering a building or room. Those products may leave residue requiring specialized cleaning or treatment.

Effective Aug. 1, 2026, a new law requires peace officers to provide notice to building owners, and the occupant if the building is a home or apartment, when the officer uses a chemical irritant in the building. It will also require law enforcement agencies and local units of government to share specific information about the products used when asked by the building owner, a tenant, insurance company or someone hired to clean or treat the building or room.

Additionally, the Department of Public Safety must develop a standard notification form for officers to provide to building owners and occupants.

Rep. Kelly Moller (DFL-Shoreview) and Sen. Melissa Wiklund (DFL-Bloomington) are the sponsors.

HF3782*/SF4144/CH69

New law alters BCA records sharing

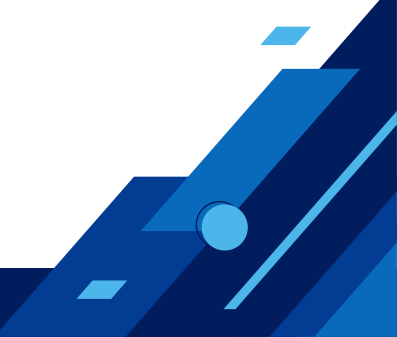
A new law contains provisions related to data collection, sharing information regarding orders for protection against financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult, and terminology used in relation to the undercover buy fund and witness and victim protection fund.

Notable provisions in the new law effective Aug. 1, 2026, unless otherwise noted, include:

- authorizing the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to determine that a record sealed pursuant to the automatic expungement law was sealed in error and should be unsealed;
- changing references to "grants" in the undercover buy fund and witness and victim protection fund to "reimbursements";
- repealing a statute that requires peace officers to keep a permanent written record of certain information and share that with the BCA; and
- effective Jan. 1, 2027, requiring a court administrator to make orders for protection against financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult available to law enforcement officers.

Rep. Bidal Duran (R-Bemidji) and Sen. Doron Clark (DFL-Mpls) are the sponsors.

HF3827*/SF4371/CH70





Changes made to the Safe at Home address confidentiality program

Safe at Home is an address confidentiality program administered by the Secretary of State's Office that is available to Minnesota residents who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, or stalking or who otherwise fear for their personal safety.

A new law that takes effect Aug. 1, 2026, makes various changes statutes regarding the program. They include:

- prohibiting discrimination against people based on their status as Safe at Home participants;
- adding emancipated minors to the list of possible Safe at Home program participants;
- imposing a gross misdemeanor penalty for a violation of the Safe at Home chapter that results in bodily harm;
- specifies steps to be accomplished before a court can direct a participant in the Safe at Home program to disclose their address, including issuance of a written order with specified content, and giving the secretary of state standing to request reconsideration of the order or to intervene in a proceeding; and
- amending a section of statute regarding mandated training for judges to require the training program to include information on the Safe at Home program.

Rep. Jim Nash (R-Waconia) and Sen. Doron Clark (DFL-Mpls) are the sponsors.

HF3676*/SF3959/CH67

Organized retail theft statute expanded to include theft of gift cards

The organized retail theft statute enacted in 2023 will expand to include theft involving gift cards.

Per the 2023 law, that crime applies when a person is part of a group of two or more individuals who steal merchandise from a retailer, has committed previous theft-related offenses and resells or tries to return the stolen merchandise for credit.

Effective Aug. 1, 2026, the law will include theft involving gift cards under the organized retail theft statute. Theft of gift cards includes stealing codes and PINs before a retailer sells the card so that the thieves can take the money when a retailer sells and activates a card. Penalties are based on the amount that could be taken from a gift card, not necessarily the amount a thief actually steals. The law also includes situations where someone tampers with stolen merchandise for the purpose of obtaining something of value from the retailer or a retail customer.

Rep. Brad Tabke (DFL-Shakopee) and Sen. Zach Duckworth (R-Lakeville) are the sponsors.

HF3155*/SF3338/CH74

Criminal penalties increased for extortion using private sexual images

Minnesota laws on coercion (also commonly known as blackmail or extortion) penalize anyone who causes another to pay money for committing, or refrain from committing, some act.

For example, a person can commit the crime by threatening to violate state laws prohibiting the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images.

A new law that takes effect Aug. 1, 2026, will enhance penalties when the threat to disseminate private sexual images is a substantial contributing factor in the victim sustaining great bodily harm or death.

Per the law, a perpetrator may be sentenced up to 10 years in prison if the threat is a substantial factor in the victim sustaining great bodily harm, 15 years if the violation is a substantial factor in the victim's death.

Rep. Scott Van Binsbergen (R-Montevideo) and Sen. Andrew Lang (R-Olivia) are the sponsors.

HF2358*/SF281/CH76

Grooming a minor established as a felony and other education provisions

A new law will establish grooming a minor as a felony offense.

Taking effect Aug. 1, 2026, the crime of grooming occurs when a person 18 years of age or older that "expresses the desire or intent to engage in sexual conduct with a child; and engages in a deliberate pattern of conduct to methodically develop a false trusting relationship with the child that is intended to strategically manipulate the child to engage in sexual conduct with the person at a future time, regardless of whether any sexual conduct occurs."





A police department or county sheriff must notify the appropriate licensing board when a teacher is criminally charged with an offense that triggers automatic license denial, refusal to renew, or revocation without a right to a hearing, or with any other offense that requires the person to register as a predatory offender. This takes effect July 1, 2026.

Screening guidelines issued by the Department of Children, Youth and Families must not limit an agency's ability to screen in and investigate a report of alleged grooming that occurred more than three years prior to the report.

By Aug. 1, 2027, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, in consultation with the Department of Education, must update the mandated reporter training for education professionals or professionals' delegates engaged in education. The update must include, but not be limited to, "the requirement to report allegations of maltreatment of students, including students receiving special education services; and addressing grooming and threatened sexual abuse, including the duty to report grooming as maltreatment, ... how to identify the signs of grooming, and recognizing environments and circumstances that present an increased risk of grooming."

Rep. Peggy Bennett (R-Albert Lea) and Sen. Erin Maye Quade (DFL-Apple Valley) are the sponsors.
HF3489/SF3969*/CH108

More procedural due process granted to local correctional officers

A new law clarifies and expands the due process rights of correctional officers under the Correctional Officers Discipline Procedures Act as follows:

- requires a written complaint to be filed to require a correctional officer to provide a formal statement;
 - requires parties to a complaint to share witness lists and witness statements;
 - requires investigative reports to be provided to an accused correctional officer;
 - establishes standards for sessions where formal statements are taken from correctional officers;
 - requires a complete electronic recording of sessions where an officer's formal statement is taken.
- Transcripts of the sessions must be provided to the officer providing the statement without fee;
- establishes that an officer providing a formal statement has the right to have an attorney or union representative present while providing the statement;
 - authorizes a correctional officer to sue their employer if the employer violates the Correctional Officer Discipline Procedures Act.

The act also clarifies provisions within the Peace Officers Discipline Procedures Act.

Rep. Jeff Witte (R-Lakeville) and Sen. Warren Limmer (R-Maple Grove) are the sponsors.
HF1410*/SF2422/CH59

New law standardizes firearm surrender in domestic violence cases

A standard firearm transfer process will be created for cases where domestic violence offenders are ordered to surrender their firearms.

Taking effect Aug. 1, 2026, a new law will require firearm transfers be completed as soon as reasonably practical and made to the subject's local law enforcement agency, a federally licensed firearms dealer or a third party who does not reside with the subject.

Third-party transfers must be completed at a law enforcement agency.

Offenders must file a proof of their firearms transfer or a declaration of non-possession of firearms and any required third-party affidavit with a district court. Courts must hold compliance hearings within 10 business days of issuing a transfer order.

Rep. Peggy Scott (R-Andover) and Sen. Bonnie Westlin (DFL-Plymouth) are the sponsors.
HF4075*/SF4294/CH75





Partnerships no longer eligible for private detective or protective agent licenses

Partnerships will be removed from the class of parties entitled to apply for a license from the Board of Private Detectives and Protective Agent Services.

This change will allow the board to have full access to the FBI's criminal records databases to vet private detective or protective agent license applicants.

If a corporation is the license applicant, its chief executive officer, chief financial officer, qualified representative and Minnesota manager must all meet the licensing requirements (rather than just one member of the corporation under current law) and submit fingerprints for a criminal history check.

Rep. Jeff Witte (R-Lakeville) and Sen. Warren Limmer (R-Maple Grove) sponsor the law that takes effect Aug. 1, 2026. HF4151*/SF3827/CH83

New law aims to improve prison inmates' access to treatment programs

The Department of Corrections is required to have mental health and substance abuse programs available to prison inmates.

A new law, effective Aug. 1, 2026, aims to improve prisoner access to those treatment programs.

Some of the notable provisions are:

- clarifying that the department must provide substance use disorder programs for both adults and juveniles and that those programs must meet minimum statutory standards;
- clarifying that the department is authorized to operate mental health units at more than one of the state's adult correctional facilities;
- expanding the grounds for a mental health professional to refer an incarcerated person to a facility's mental health unit; and
- eliminating the department's authority to seek a judicially ordered mental health commitment for an incarcerated person who "refuses to voluntarily participate" in a mental health treatment program.

Rep. Brion Curran (DFL-White Bear Lake) and Sen. Bonnie Westlin (DFL-Plymouth) are the sponsors.

HF3769*/SF4293/CH84

New law increases penalties for impersonating a peace officer

Penalties for impersonating a peace officer will increase.

Effective Aug. 1, 2026, the charge will increase from a misdemeanor to a felony with a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment if an offender does so intending to mislead another person but taking no further action.

Increasing to a felony with up to five years imprisonment, from a gross misdemeanor, are instances where the impersonator also uses the deception to gain access to a public building or government facility that is not open to the public; directs someone to take a certain action or refrain from acting; violates statutes related to vehicle lights and sirens; and operates a vehicle marked with "police" or a similar marking falsely indicating the vehicle is a law enforcement vehicle.

The new law also goes after repeat offenders by increasing the penalty for impersonating a peace officer within five years of a previous felony conviction to a maximum prison sentence of 10 years. It was two years.

A person who possesses a firearm while impersonating an officer could also face a felony charge with a maximum prison sentence of 10 years, again from two years.

The new law will also require someone working as a peace officer to identify their employer, and provide their name and identification number when performing acts regularly performed by peace officers, such as stopping, detaining, or arresting individuals. An officer in uniform that displays the information will satisfy the requirement. Failure to do so does not make an arrest unlawful and cannot be used as the basis to suppress any evidence identified or seized following an arrest.

Rep. Ginny Klevorn (DFL-Plymouth) and Sen. John Hoffman (DFL-Champlin) are the sponsors.

HF3404*/SF3735/CH98



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Prairie Lakes Youth Programs is a children's 'residential facility located in Willmar, Minnesota. Through our non-secure, group home, and secure environments, we provide individualized, trauma-informed, and culturally relevant care and treatment including: substance use disorder addiction recovery, pet therapy, individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy, truancy support, CHIPS support, and so much more.

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612-287-1660

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Teamsters Local 320 - [CLICK HERE](#)

612-378-8700

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(320) 286-2922

Residential care with Minnesota locations in Annandale (female residents between the ages of 12-18), Cokato (male residents struggling with a range of mental health and behavior issues), Hutchinson (male residents between the ages of 15 & 19), and Rochester (group home for male residents between the ages of 15 & 19).

West Central Regional Juvenile Center - [CLICK HERE](#)

(218) 299-5150

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Our comprehensive care teams include counselors, recovery coaches, and mental health providers working together to support your recovery journey. Services offered include walk-in assessments (online too), Driving With Care, group for members, education class, and domestic violence/anger management classes.

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Programming specifics includes Universal Screening & Release Preparation, Pretrial Supervision & Court Reminders, Pretrial GPS Monitoring, Pretrial Repeat Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program, Drug Treatment Court, Deferred Prosecution & Diversion, Cognitive Behavioral Programing, Trauma-Informed Care, and Post-Conviction Case Management.

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