FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, March 26, 2026

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Klein imposed a call of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Ruthie Mhanga.

The members of the Senate gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present:

Abeler	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Marty	Rarick
Bahr	Fateh	Johnson	Mathews	Rasmusson
Boldon	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Rest
Carlson	Green	Klein	McEwen	Seeberger
Champion	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Utke
Clark	Gustafson	Kreun	Mohamed	Weber
Coleman	Hauschild	Kunesh	Murphy	Wesenberg
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Kupec	Nelson	Westlin
Dahms	Heintzeman	Lang	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Dibble	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Pappas	Wiklund
Dornink	Hoffman	Lieske	Pha	Xiong
Draheim	Holmstrom	Limmer	Port	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lucero	Pratt	
Duckworth	Howe	Mann	Putnam	

The President declared a quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal, as printed and corrected, was approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senator Murphy moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kunesh from the Committee on Education Finance, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4282: A bill for an act relating to education finance; making forecast adjustments to prekindergarten through grade 12 education programs; appropriating money; amending Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 28, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12; article 2, section 24, subdivisions 2, 14, 15, 24; article 3, section 15, subdivisions 3, 13; article 5, section 19, subdivision 2; article 6, section 6, subdivisions 2, 7; article 7, section 11, subdivisions 2, 4, 7, 8, 9; article 8, section 18, subdivisions 3, 6; article 9, section 11, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 6, 10; article 10, section 10, subdivisions 3, 4, 6; article 11, section 2, subdivisions 2, 4.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Report adopted.

Senator Port from the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4571: A bill for an act relating to housing; modifying eligible projects for the greater Minnesota housing infrastructure grant program; appropriating money for the greater Minnesota housing infrastructure grant program; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.395, subdivision 3.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Capital Investment. Report adopted.

Senator Port from the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4749: A bill for an act relating to housing; establishing the Task Force on Housing Taxes and Fees; requiring a report.

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

Page 1, line 9, delete "15" and insert "16"

Page 1, after line 19, insert:

"(9) one member representing the Minnesota Multi Housing Association;"

Renumber the clauses in sequence

Page 2, after line 4, insert:

"(c) The task force must elect a chair at its first meeting from among the legislative task force members."

Page 2, line 15, after "shall" insert "convene the first meeting by August 15 and"

Page 2, after line 18, insert:

"Subd. 6. **Compensation.** Members of the task force shall receive no compensation and are not eligible for reimbursement of expenses."

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence and correct the internal references

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Carlson from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3627: A bill for an act relating to fair campaign practices; requiring elected officials to be given access to multiple unit dwellings under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.20, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 211B.20, subdivisions 2, 3.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass. Report adopted.

Senator Fateh from the Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2330: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money for a grant to College Possible to support programs of college admission and graduation for low-income students; requiring a report.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; STUDENT PERSISTENCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall establish a competitive grant program to support students enrolled in Minnesota public postsecondary institutions that elect to participate in the program.

Subd. 2. **Program requirements.** The grant program must:

(1) serve an initial cohort of at least 1,000 students;

(2) prioritize students who demonstrate strong potential for degree completion but are at risk of noncompletion due to academic, financial, or systemic barriers, including students commonly described as in the academic middle, such as those with high school grade point averages of approximately 2.5 or higher;

(3) improve student persistence and completion outcomes through proactive, individualized coaching and coordinated academic and financial aid support; and

(4) require grantees to implement a structured support model that includes:

(i) assessment of student persistence risk across academic, financial, and social-emotional domains;

(ii) tiered intervention strategies to prioritize support for students facing the greatest barriers to degree completion;

(iii) targeted supports addressing academic progress, financial aid stability, and student engagement; and

(iv) coordination with institutional partners to align supports with existing campus-based services.

Subd. 3. **Eligible applicants.** Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations or other organizations with demonstrated experience supporting student persistence and degree completion for low-income students in Minnesota, including experience serving students in the academic middle.

Subd. 4. **Contracted partner qualifications.** A grantee under this section must demonstrate the capacity to implement the program described in subdivision 2 and must:

(1) provide a near-peer, one-to-one, or similarly individualized persistence coaching model;

(2) demonstrate a successful history of operating student persistence or college completion programs serving low-income students;

(3) demonstrate experience working across multiple Minnesota public postsecondary systems, including institutions within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and the University of Minnesota system;

(4) demonstrate the administrative and operational capacity to serve a cohort of at least 1,000 students annually;

(5) demonstrate a proven track record of supporting students from families with incomes at or below 275 percent of the federal poverty guidelines toward degree completion;

(6) demonstrate experience supporting students commonly described as in the academic middle;

(7) maintain data systems capable of tracking student persistence, completion outcomes, and key performance indicators required under subdivision 5; and

(8) utilize student engagement tools and practices designed to support proactive, individualized interventions.

Subd. 5. **Reporting and evaluation.** (a) The commissioner must annually submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance and policy until all grant funds have been expended and all terms in the grant agreement have been met.

(b) The report must include:

(1) participant persistence and completion outcomes, including retention rates and credential attainment;

(2) financial aid renewal rates and credit accumulation trends;

(3) a comparison of outcomes to a demographically similar cohort who did not participate in the program; and

(4) recommendations regarding program sustainability and potential statewide expansion.

Subd. 6. **Appropriation.** $900,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education to award grants under this section. This is a onetime appropriation."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to higher education; establishing a student persistence grant program; appropriating money; requiring a report."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Fateh from the Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4757: A bill for an act relating to higher education; limiting the governor's appointment power to fill vacancies on the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 137.0246, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass. Report adopted.

Senator Fateh from the Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3120: A bill for an act relating to higher education; establishing a statewide children's savings account program for higher education; establishing local partner design and implementation grants; requiring a report; requiring rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136G.03, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136G.

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

Page 1, line 19, delete the period and insert ", in either:"

Page 1, after line 19, insert:

"(1) Stearns, Wright, Sherburne, Rice, or Benton counties; or

(2) Ramsey or Hennepin counties, if the child's biological mother is eligible for the medical assistance program under chapter 256B."

Page 2, line 13, delete "receive grant money under section 136G.16 or"

Page 2, delete section 7

Page 3, line 8, delete "seed deposit or"

Page 3, delete lines 22 and 23

Renumber the clauses in sequence

Page 4, delete subdivision 3

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 4, line 27, after "must" insert ", on a quarterly basis,"

Page 6, after line 31, insert:

"**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective on August 1, 2028, except as provided in section 8."

Page 7, delete section 9 and insert:

"Sec. 8. **MINNEKIDS PILOT PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Pilot grants.** By June 30, 2027, the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education must solicit applications and make grants of $100,000 each to three separate eligible entities under this section. Of the three awards: one must go to an entity serving an urban community; one must go to an entity serving a rural community; and one must go to an entity serving a Minnesota Tribal Nation or an American Indian community in Minnesota.

Subd. 2. **Eligible entities.** Entities eligible to receive a grant under this section must be based in and serving Minnesota communities and include: local units of government; Tribal governments; nonprofit organizations; school districts; and community partnerships with demonstrated capacity to serve children and families.

Subd. 3. **Allowable uses.** An entity that receives a grant under this section must use the grant money for:

(1) outreach and marketing to promote MinneKIDS accounts established under Minnesota Statutes, section 136G.15;

(2) providing culturally responsive family financial education; and

(3) administrative costs directly related to clauses (1) and (2)."

Page 9, line 27, delete "state and nonstate"

Page 10, delete lines 5 to 18 and insert:

"(b) By February 15, 2028, the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education must report information regarding the implementation of the MinneKIDS pilot program established in section 8 of this act to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over higher education. The report must include but not be limited to:

(1) a list of eligible entities provided grants under that section, and information regarding the entities' progress and successes;

(2) detailed grant expenditures for each grantee; and

(3) recommendations for expanding the pilot program to additional local partners."

Page 10, delete section 11 and insert:

"Sec. 10. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

$300,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for MinneKIDS pilot program grants under section 8 of this act. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027."

Renumber the paragraphs, subdivisions, and sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "statewide"

Page 1, line 3, delete everything after "education" and insert "in certain counties;"

Page 1, line 4, delete "grants" and insert "creating a pilot grant program" and delete "requiring rulemaking;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Fateh from the Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4481: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money for the Minnesota P-20 Education Partnership.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Report adopted.

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 4187: A bill for an act relating to infectious or pathological waste; requiring notice of unlawfully transported infectious or pathological waste; requiring inspections of infectious or pathological waste generators; assessing financial penalties for unlawfully transporting infectious or pathological waste; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116.78, by adding a subdivision; 116.79, by adding a subdivision; 116.83, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy. Report adopted.

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4719: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a Human Services Systems Steering Committee; requiring reports; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Report adopted.

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4551: A bill for an act relating to fraud prevention; requiring providers, vendors, and individuals seeking to receive public money for providing services to submit proof of operation and finances for the most recent three years; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 142A; 245.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[142A.125] ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC MONEY; PRE-AWARD RISK ASSESSMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **Pre-award risk assessment; grant recipients.** (a) Prior to receiving a grant award for a program administered by the commissioner, a potential grantee must provide the commissioner with the applicable information specified under section 16B.981, subdivision 2, for the most recent three-year period. This information must also include:

(1) the potential grantee's history of performing services during the most recent three-year period that are substantially similar to the services the potential grantee is seeking to receive public funds to provide; and

(2) for a potential grantee that is a for-profit business or nonprofit organization, evidence of registration and good standing with the secretary of state for the most recent three-year period, if applicable.

(b) For any information not submitted to the commissioner as required under this section because the potential grantee determined it to be inapplicable, the potential grantee must submit documentation noting each item that was not submitted and the reason why the potential grantee determined it was inapplicable.

Subd. 2. **Pre-award risk assessment; licensure and reenrollment.** (a) Prior to renewing a license or reenrolling in a program administered by the commissioner, a provider, vendor, or individual must provide the commissioner with the applicable information specified under section 16B.981, subdivision 2, for the most recent licensure or enrollment period.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for a provider, vendor, or individual who has been licensed or enrolled in a program administered by the commissioner for at least three years, the provider, vendor, or individual must provide the commissioner with the applicable information specified under section 16B.981, subdivision 2, for the most recent three-year period.

(c) For any information not submitted to the commissioner as required under this section because the provider, vendor, or individual determined it to be inapplicable, the provider, vendor, or individual must submit documentation noting each item that was not submitted and the reason why the provider, vendor, or individual determined it was inapplicable.

Subd. 3. **Commissioner duties.** (a) The commissioner must review all information provided under subdivisions 1 and 2 prior to awarding a grant, renewing a license, or reenrolling a provider. For any documentation submitted to the commissioner under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), or subdivision 2, paragraph (c), the commissioner must review and confirm that the determination of inapplicability made by the potential grantee or the provider, vendor, or individual is correct. For any incorrect determination, the potential grantee or the provider, vendor, or individual must submit the required information before receiving grant funds, renewing a license, or reenrolling in a program.

(b) Notwithstanding section 16B.981, if, after reviewing the information provided under subdivision 1, the commissioner has concerns that there is a substantial risk that a potential grantee cannot or would not perform the required duties under the grant agreement, the commissioner must not award the grant.

(c) If, after reviewing the information provided under subdivision 2, the commissioner has concerns that there is a substantial risk that the provider, vendor, or individual seeking to renew a license or reenroll in a program administered by the commissioner cannot or would not perform the necessary duties required under the license or enrollment agreement, the commissioner must deny the license renewal or reenrollment request.

Sec. 2. **[256.0113] ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC MONEY; PRE-AWARD RISK ASSESSMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **Pre-award risk assessment; grant recipients.** (a) Prior to receiving a grant award for a program administered by the commissioner, a potential grantee must provide the commissioner with the applicable information specified under section 16B.981, subdivision 2, for the most recent three-year period. This information must also include:

(1) the potential grantee's history of performing services during the most recent three-year period that are substantially similar to the services the potential grantee is seeking to receive public funds to provide; and

(2) for a potential grantee that is a for-profit business or nonprofit organization, evidence of registration and good standing with the secretary of state for the most recent three-year period, if applicable.

(b) For any information not submitted to the commissioner as required under this section because the potential grantee determined it to be inapplicable, the potential grantee must submit documentation noting each item that was not submitted and the reason why the potential grantee determined it was inapplicable.

Subd. 2. **Pre-award risk assessment; licensure.** (a) Prior to renewing a license for a program administered by the commissioner, a provider, vendor, or individual must provide the commissioner with the applicable information specified under section 16B.981, subdivision 2, for the most recent licensure period.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for a provider, vendor, or individual who has been licensed in a program administered by the commissioner for at least three years, the provider, vendor, or individual must provide the commissioner with the applicable information specified under section 16B.981, subdivision 2, for the most recent three-year period.

(c) For any information not submitted to the commissioner as required under this section because the provider, vendor, or individual determined it to be inapplicable, the provider, vendor, or individual must submit documentation noting each item that was not submitted and the reason why the provider, vendor, or individual determined it was inapplicable.

Subd. 3. **Pre-award risk assessment; reenrollment and revalidation.** (a) Prior to reenrollment or revalidation in a program administered by the commissioner, a provider, vendor, or individual must provide the commissioner with the applicable information specified under section 16B.981, subdivision 2, for the most recent enrollment period.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for a provider, vendor, or individual who has been enrolled in a program administered by the commissioner for at least three years, the provider, vendor, or individual must provide the commissioner with the applicable information specified under section 16B.981, subdivision 2, for the most recent three-year period.

(c) For any information not submitted to the commissioner as required under this section because the provider, vendor, or individual determined it to be inapplicable, the provider, vendor, or individual must submit documentation noting each item that was not submitted and the reason why the provider, vendor, or individual determined it was inapplicable.

Subd. 4. **Commissioner duties.** (a) The commissioner must review all information provided under subdivisions 1 to 3 prior to awarding a grant, renewing a license, or reenrolling or revalidating a provider, vendor, or individual. For any documentation submitted to the commissioner under subdivision 1, paragraph (b); subdivision 2, paragraph (c); or subdivision 3, paragraph (c), the commissioner must review and confirm that the determination of inapplicability made by the potential grantee or the provider, vendor, or individual is correct. For any incorrect determination, the potential grantee or the provider, vendor, or individual must submit the required information prior to receiving grant funds, renewing a license, reenrollment in a program, or revalidation.

(b) Notwithstanding section 16B.981, if, after reviewing the information provided under subdivision 1, the commissioner has concerns that there is a substantial risk that a potential grantee cannot or would not perform the required duties under the grant agreement, the commissioner must not award the grant.

(c) If, after reviewing the information provided under subdivision 2 or 3, the commissioner has concerns that there is a substantial risk that the provider, vendor, or individual seeking to renew a license, or applying for reenrollment or revalidation, cannot or would not perform the necessary duties required under the license or enrollment agreement, the commissioner must deny the license renewal or terminate the participation of the provider, vendor, or individual in the program."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, delete "for the most recent three years"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4604: A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring compliance training for high-risk medical assistance providers; requiring disclosure of the use of consultants to prepare certain license applications; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 245A.04, subdivisions 1, 7; 245A.05; 256B.051, subdivision 6; 256B.0701, subdivision 9; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 256B.051, subdivision 6b; 256B.0701, subdivision 11.

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

Page 8, after line 10, insert:

"Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245A.042, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Department of Human Services home and community-based services early and often licensor and compliance team.** (a) The commissioner must establish and maintain a home and community-based services early and often licensor and compliance team to deliver proactive and coordinated support to applicants through the application process and to license holders during the first year of operation of the licensed home and community-based program. The commissioner must ensure that the home and community-based services early and often licensor and compliance team has sufficient staff and resources to perform the functions required under this subdivision. The commissioner must ensure that the licensor and compliance team has members with expertise in licensing requirements and members with expertise in medical assistance enrollment requirements, medical assistance service delivery requirements, and medical assistance billing requirements.

(b) The home and community-based services early and often licensor and compliance team must provide technical assistance to applicants regarding completing and submitting license applications under this chapter and chapter 256D and medical assistance provider enrollment applications under section 256B.04, subdivision 21.

(c) The home and community-based services early and often licensor and compliance team must conduct an initial scheduled technical assistance visit three months after the effective date of an initial license for the purpose of providing technical assistance to the license holder. The team must provide technical assistance related to achieving and maintaining compliance with the applicable laws, rules, and regulations governing the provision of and reimbursement for home and community-based services under this chapter and chapters 245D, 256B, and 256S and waiver plans.

(d) The home and community-based services early and often licensor and compliance team must conduct three unscheduled visits after the beginning of the sixth calendar month following the effective date of an initial license and before the end of the eighteenth month following the effective date of an initial license.

(e) If during the technical assistance visit or during the following three unannounced visits, the team finds that the license holder has failed to achieve compliance with an applicable law, rule, or regulation, and the failure does not imminently endanger the health, safety, or rights of persons served by the program, the team may issue a licensing and compliance review report with recommendations for achieving and maintaining compliance.

(f) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to limit the commissioner's authority to:

(1) suspend or revoke a license or issue a fine at any time under section 245A.07 or issue correction orders and make a license conditional for failure to comply with applicable laws, rules, or regulations under section 245A.06 based on the nature, chronicity, or severity of the violation of a law, rule, or regulation and the effect of the violation on the health, safety, or rights of persons served by the program; or

(2) impose a sanction under section 256B.064 based on the nature, chronicity, or severity of the violation of law, rule, or regulation."

Page 9, after line 19, insert:

"Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 45. **Department of Human Services home and community-based services provider support and technical assistance team.** The commissioner must establish and maintain a home and community-based services provider support and technical assistance team to deliver proactive and coordinated support to home and community-based services providers. The commissioner must ensure that the home and community-based services provider support and technical assistance team has sufficient staff and resources to perform the functions required under this subdivision. The home and community-based services provider support and technical assistance team must:

(1) serve as a provider liaison and help desk for providers' technical, regulatory, and operational questions;

(2) develop training and onboarding materials for home and community-based services providers;

(3) collect data on home and community-based provider challenges;

(4) coordinate the functions of the department, including information technology, licensing, provider enrollment, service delivery oversight, and program integrity oversight to clarify program requirements, provider requirements, and service requirements and to support providers with compliance and prevention of fraud; and

(5) make recommendations to the commissioner regarding changes to the operations of the department or to the design and implementation of home and community-based services that would improve the delivery of services and improve program integrity."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, after the semicolon, insert "requiring the establishment of an early and often licensor and compliance team; requiring the establishment of a provider support and technical assistance team;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4222: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying requirements for provider enrollment in medical assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 142B.01, subdivision 8; 245A.02, subdivision 5a; 245D.081, subdivision 3; 256B.04, subdivision 5; 256B.0949, subdivision 17; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 256B.04, subdivision 21; 256B.0759, subdivision 4; 256B.0949, subdivision 16; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

PROGRAM INTEGRITY REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 15.013, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Exemption.** This section does not apply to the medical assistance program administered by the commissioner of human services.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245.095, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Exemption.** Subdivision 5 does not apply to any individual or entity that receives payments from medical assistance or provides goods or services for which payment is made from medical assistance.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.064, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Grounds for sanctions.** (a) The commissioner may impose sanctions against any individual or entity that receives payments from medical assistance or provides goods or services for which payment is made from medical assistance for any of the following:

(1) fraud, theft, or abuse in connection with the provision of goods and services to recipients of public assistance for which payment is made from medical assistance;

(2) a pattern of presentment of false or duplicate claims or claims for services not medically necessary;

(3) a pattern of making false statements of material facts for the purpose of obtaining greater compensation than that to which the individual or entity is legally entitled;

(4) suspension or termination as a Medicare vendor;

(5) refusal to grant the state agency access during regular business hours to examine all records necessary to disclose the extent of services provided to program recipients and appropriateness of claims for payment;

(6) failure to repay an overpayment or a fine finally established under this section;

(7) failure to correct errors in the maintenance of health service or financial records for which a fine was imposed or after issuance of a warning by the commissioner; and

(8) any reason for which an individual or entity could be excluded from participation in the Medicare program under section 1128, 1128A, or 1866(b)(2) of the Social Security Act.

(b) For the purposes of this section, goods or services for which payment is made from medical assistance includes but is not limited to care and services identified in section 256B.0625 or provided pursuant to any federally approved waiver.

(c) Regardless of the source of payment or other item of value, the commissioner may impose sanctions against any individual or entity that solicits, receives, pays, or offers to pay any illegal remuneration as described in section 142E.51, subdivision 6a, in violation of section 609.542, subdivision 2, or in violation of United States Code, title 42, section 1320a-7b(b)(1) or (2). No conviction is required before the commissioner can impose sanctions under this paragraph.

(d) The commissioner may impose sanctions against a pharmacy provider for failure to respond to a cost of dispensing survey under section 256B.0625, subdivision 13e, paragraph (g).

(e) The commissioner may impose sanctions against a pharmacy provider for failure to respond to a Minnesota drug acquisition cost survey under section 256B.0625, subdivision 13e, paragraph (i).

(f) For the purposes of this section, "abuse" means the activities listed in paragraph (a), clauses (2), (3), and (7), but does not include billing errors that result in unintended overcharges.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

Subd. 1b. **Sanctions available.** (a) The commissioner may impose the following sanctions for the conduct described in subdivision 1a: ~~suspension or withholding of~~ suspending payments to an individual or entity ~~and~~; withholding payments to an individual or entity; suspending ~~or terminating~~ participation in the program~~,~~; terminating participation in the program; or ~~imposition of~~ imposing a fine under subdivision ~~2, paragraph (g)~~ 2a.

(b) When imposing sanctions under this ~~section~~ subdivision, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must consider the nature, chronicity, or severity of the conduct and the effect of the conduct on the health and safety of persons served by the individual or entity.

(c) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must suspend an individual's or entity's participation in the program for a minimum of five years if the individual or entity is convicted of a crime, received a stay of adjudication, or entered a court-ordered diversion program for an offense related to a provision of a health service under medical assistance, including a federally approved waiver, or health care fraud.

(d) Regardless of imposition of sanctions, the commissioner may make a referral to the appropriate state licensing board.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

Subd. 1d. **Investigative costs.** (a) The commissioner may seek recovery of investigative costs from any individual or entity that willfully submits a claim for reimbursement for services that the individual or entity knows, or reasonably should have known, is a false representation and that results in the payment of public funds for which the individual or entity is ineligible.

(b) Billing errors that result in unintentional overcharges ~~shall~~ are not ~~be~~ grounds for investigative cost recoupment.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Imposition of monetary recovery and sanctions; generally.** (a) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must determine any monetary amounts to be recovered and sanctions to be imposed upon an individual or entity under this section. Except as provided in ~~paragraphs (b) and (d), neither~~ subdivisions 2b to 2d, the commissioner must not obtain a monetary recovery ~~nor~~ or impose a sanction ~~will be imposed by the commissioner~~ without prior notice and an opportunity for a hearing, according to chapter 14, on the commissioner's proposed action~~, provided that the commissioner may suspend or reduce payment to an individual or entity, except a nursing home or convalescent care facility, after notice and prior to the hearing if in the commissioner's opinion that action is necessary to protect the public welfare and the interests of the program~~.

~~(b) Except when the commissioner finds good cause not to suspend payments under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.23(e) or (f), the commissioner shall withhold or reduce payments to an individual or entity without providing advance notice of such withholding or reduction if either of the following occurs:~~

~~(1) the individual or entity is convicted of a crime involving the conduct described in subdivision 1a; or~~

~~(2) the commissioner determines there is a credible allegation of fraud for which an investigation is pending under the program. Allegations are considered credible when they have an indicium of reliability and the state agency has reviewed all allegations, facts, and evidence carefully and acts judiciously on a case-by-case basis. A credible allegation of fraud is an allegation which has been verified by the state, from any source, including but not limited to:~~

~~(i) fraud hotline complaints;~~

~~(ii) claims data mining; and~~

~~(iii) patterns identified through provider audits, civil false claims cases, and law enforcement investigations.~~

~~(c) The commissioner must send notice of the withholding or reduction of payments under paragraph (b) within five days of taking such action unless requested in writing by a law enforcement agency to temporarily withhold the notice. The notice must:~~

~~(1) state that payments are being withheld according to paragraph (b);~~

~~(2) set forth the general allegations as to the nature of the withholding action, but need not disclose any specific information concerning an ongoing investigation;~~

~~(3) except in the case of a conviction for conduct described in subdivision 1a, state that the withholding is for a temporary period and cite the circumstances under which withholding will be terminated;~~

~~(4) identify the types of claims to which the withholding applies; and~~

~~(5) inform the individual or entity of the right to submit written evidence for consideration by the commissioner.~~

~~(d) The withholding or reduction of payments will not continue after the commissioner determines there is insufficient evidence of fraud by the individual or entity, or after legal proceedings relating to the alleged fraud are completed, unless the commissioner has sent notice of intention to impose monetary recovery or sanctions under paragraph (a). Upon conviction for a crime related to the provision, management, or administration of a health service under medical assistance, a payment held pursuant to this section by the commissioner or a managed care organization that contracts with the commissioner under section 256B.035 is forfeited to the commissioner or managed care organization, regardless of the amount charged in the criminal complaint or the amount of criminal restitution ordered.~~

~~(e) The commissioner shall suspend or terminate an individual's or entity's participation in the program without providing advance notice and an opportunity for a hearing when the suspension or termination is required because of the individual's or entity's exclusion from participation in Medicare. Within five days of taking such action, the commissioner must send notice of the suspension or termination. The notice must:~~

~~(1) state that suspension or termination is the result of the individual's or entity's exclusion from Medicare;~~

~~(2) identify the effective date of the suspension or termination; and~~

~~(3) inform the individual or entity of the need to be reinstated to Medicare before reapplying for participation in the program.~~

~~(f)~~ (b) Upon receipt of a notice under paragraph (a) or subdivision 2c or 2d that a monetary recovery or sanction is to be or has been imposed, an individual or entity may request a contested case, as defined in section 14.02, subdivision 3, by filing with the commissioner a written request of appeal. The appeal request must be received by the commissioner no later than 30 days after the date the notification of monetary recovery or sanction was mailed to the individual or entity. The appeal request must specify:

(1) each disputed item, the reason for the dispute, and an estimate of the dollar amount involved for each disputed item;

(2) the computation that the individual or entity believes is correct;

(3) the authority in statute or rule upon which the individual or entity relies for each disputed item;

(4) the name and address of the person or entity with whom contacts may be made regarding the appeal; and

(5) other information required by the commissioner.

~~(g) The commissioner may order an individual or entity to forfeit a fine for failure to fully document services according to standards in this chapter and Minnesota Rules, chapter 9505. The commissioner may assess fines if specific required components of documentation are missing. The fine for incomplete documentation shall equal 20 percent of the amount paid on the claims for reimbursement submitted by the individual or entity, or up to $5,000, whichever is less. If the commissioner determines that an individual or entity repeatedly violated this chapter, chapter 254B or 245G, or Minnesota Rules, chapter 9505, related to the provision of services to program recipients and the submission of claims for payment, the commissioner may order an individual or entity to forfeit a fine based on the nature, severity, and chronicity of the violations, in an amount of up to $5,000 or 20 percent of the value of the claims, whichever is greater.~~

~~(h) The individual or entity shall pay the fine assessed on or before the payment date specified. If the individual or entity fails to pay the fine, the commissioner may withhold or reduce payments and recover the amount of the fine. A timely appeal shall stay payment of the fine until the commissioner issues a final order.~~

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. **Imposition of fines.** (a) The commissioner may order an individual or entity to forfeit a fine for failure to fully document services according to standards in this chapter and Minnesota

Rules, chapter 9505. The commissioner may assess fines if specific required components of documentation are missing. The fine for incomplete documentation equals 20 percent of the amount paid on the claims for reimbursement submitted by the individual or entity, or up to $5,000, whichever is less. If the commissioner determines that an individual or entity repeatedly violated this chapter, chapter 245G or 254B, or Minnesota Rules, chapter 9505, related to the provision of services to program recipients and the submission of claims for payment, the commissioner may order an individual or entity to forfeit a fine based on the nature, severity, and chronicity of the violations, in an amount of up to $5,000 or 20 percent of the value of the claims, whichever is greater.

(b) The individual or entity must pay the fine assessed on or before the payment date specified by the commissioner. If the individual or entity fails to pay the fine, the commissioner may withhold or reduce payments and recover the amount of the fine. A timely appeal stays payment of the fine until the commissioner issues a final order.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2b. **Mandatory suspension or termination after exclusion from participation in Medicare.** (a) The commissioner must suspend or terminate an individual's or entity's participation in the program without providing advance notice and an opportunity for a hearing when the suspension or termination is required because of the individual's or entity's exclusion from participation in Medicare.

(b) Within five days of taking an action under paragraph (a), the commissioner must send notice of the suspension or termination. The notice must:

(1) state that the suspension or termination is the result of the individual's or entity's exclusion from Medicare;

(2) identify the effective date of the suspension or termination; and

(3) inform the individual or entity of the need to be reinstated to Medicare before reapplying for participation in the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2c. **Imposition of monetary recovery and sanctions before a hearing.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the commissioner may withhold or reduce payment to an individual or entity after notice but before a hearing if, in the commissioner's opinion, withholding or reducing payment is necessary to protect the public welfare and the interests of the program.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision 2d, unless the commissioner first complies with the applicable requirements of paragraph (c), the commissioner must not withhold or reduce payments to the following entities:

(1) a nursing home;

(2) a convalescing care facility;

(3) an entity providing residential supports and services as described in section 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (3); or

(4) an entity providing integrated community services described in section 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (8).

(c) When withholding or reducing payments under paragraph (a) or subdivision 2d to an entity listed in paragraph (b), the commissioner must confirm suitable alternative services and housing are established for the affected recipient before withholding or reducing payments if withholding or reducing payments puts a recipient of the goods or services provided by the entity in imminent danger of harm or at risk of homelessness.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2d. **Imposition of monetary recovery and sanctions without prior notice.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 2c, when law enforcement requests that the commissioner not suspend payments, or when the commissioner finds good cause not to suspend payments under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.23(e) or (f), the commissioner must withhold or reduce payments to an individual or entity without providing advance notice of the withholding or reduction if either of the following occurs:

(1) the individual or entity is convicted of a crime involving the conduct described in subdivision 1a; or

(2) the commissioner determines there is a credible allegation of fraud for which an investigation is pending under the program. Allegations are considered credible when they are supported by a preponderance of the evidence and the state agency has reviewed and verified all allegations, facts, and evidence carefully and acts judiciously on a case-by-case basis. A credible allegation of abuse is not a credible allegation of fraud.

(b) If the commissioner withholds or reduces payments under paragraph (a), clause (2), the commissioner may withhold payments only for the specific submitted claims that the commissioner has determined are potentially fraudulent and referred to law enforcement, unless the commissioner determines that the credible allegation of fraud is an allegation of pervasive fraud.

(c) For purposes of this subdivision, "fraud" means presenting information that is false in whole or in part to the commissioner with the intent of obtaining greater compensation for the provision of a good or service available under this chapter than the vendor of the good or service is legally entitled.

(d) The commissioner may consider an allegation of fraud from any source, including but not limited to:

(1) fraud hotline complaints;

(2) claims data mining;

(3) patterns identified through provider audits, civil false claims cases, law enforcement investigations, and investigations by other state or federal agencies; and

(4) court filings or other legal documents.

(e) The commissioner must send notice of the withholding or reduction of payments under paragraph (a) within five days of withholding or reducing payment unless requested in writing by a law enforcement agency to temporarily withhold the notice. The notice need not disclose specific information concerning an ongoing investigation. The notice must:

(1) state that payments are being withheld according to paragraph (a);

(2) set forth the allegations as to the nature of the withholding action, which must specify:

(i) each disputed item, and for each disputed item the reason for the dispute and an estimate of the dollar amount involved;

(ii) the computation that the commissioner believes is correct;

(iii) the statute or rule the commissioner believes the individual or entity violated; and

(iv) other information necessary to aid the individual or entity when providing written evidence under clause (5) or filing an appeal under section 256B.064, subdivision 2;

(3) except in the case of a conviction for conduct described in subdivision 1a, state that the withholding is for a temporary period not to exceed 60 days and cite the circumstances under which withholding will be terminated;

(4) identify the types of claims to which the withholding applies; and

(5) inform the individual or entity of the right to submit written evidence for consideration by the commissioner.

(f) The commissioner must acknowledge receipt of any written evidence submitted by the individual or entity within five days of receipt of the written evidence. Within five days of the commissioner's acknowledgment of receipt, the commissioner must (1) cease to withhold or reduce payments, or (2) respond to the individual or entity with an explanation of the commissioner's continued determination that there is sufficient evidence of fraud to continue withholding or reducing payments.

(g) The commissioner must cease to withhold or reduce payments under this subdivision after 60 days have passed, after the commissioner determines there is insufficient evidence of fraud by the individual or entity, or after legal proceedings relating to the alleged fraud are completed, unless the commissioner has sent notice of intention to impose monetary recovery or sanctions.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2e. **Forfeiture of withheld payments upon criminal conviction.** Upon conviction for a crime related to the provision, management, or administration of a health service under medical assistance, a payment held pursuant to this section by the commissioner or a managed care organization that contracts with the commissioner under section 256B.035 is forfeited to the commissioner or managed care organization, regardless of the amount charged in the criminal complaint or the amount of criminal restitution ordered.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Mandates on prohibited payments.** (a) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must maintain and publish a list of each excluded individual and entity that was convicted of a crime related to the provision, management, or administration of a medical assistance health service, or suspended or terminated under subdivision ~~2~~ 2b. Medical assistance payments cannot be made by an individual or entity for items or services furnished either directly or indirectly by an excluded individual or entity, or at the direction of excluded individuals or entities.

(b) The entity must check the exclusion list on a monthly basis and document the date and time the exclusion list was checked and the name and title of the person who checked the exclusion list. The entity must immediately terminate payments to an individual or entity on the exclusion list.

(c) An entity's requirement to check the exclusion list and to terminate payments to individuals or entities on the exclusion list applies to each individual or entity on the exclusion list, even if the named individual or entity is not responsible for direct patient care or direct submission of a claim to medical assistance.

(d) An entity that pays medical assistance program funds to an individual or entity on the exclusion list must refund any payment related to either items or services rendered by an individual or entity on the exclusion list from the date the individual or entity is first paid or the date the individual or entity is placed on the exclusion list, whichever is later, and an entity may be subject to:

(1) sanctions under ~~subdivision 2~~ this section;

(2) a civil monetary penalty of up to $25,000 for each determination by the department that the vendor employed or contracted with an individual or entity on the exclusion list; and

(3) other fines or penalties allowed by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Notice.** (a) The department ~~shall~~ must serve the notice required under ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 2 and 2d using a signature-verified confirmed delivery method to the address submitted to the department by the individual or entity. Service is complete upon mailing.

(b) The department ~~shall~~ must give notice in writing to a recipient placed in the Minnesota restricted recipient program under section 256B.0646 and Minnesota Rules, part 9505.2200. The

department ~~shall~~ must send the notice by first class mail to the recipient's current address on file with the department. A recipient placed in the Minnesota restricted recipient program may contest the placement by submitting a written request for a hearing to the department within 90 days of the notice being mailed.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.064, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Immunity; good faith reporters.** (a) A person who makes a good faith report is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise arise from reporting or participating in the investigation. Nothing in this subdivision affects an individual's or entity's responsibility for an overpayment established under this subdivision.

(b) A person employed by a lead investigative agency who is conducting or supervising an investigation or enforcing the law according to the applicable law or rule is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise arise from the person's actions, if the person is acting in good faith and exercising due care.

(c) For purposes of this subdivision, "person" includes a natural person or any form of a business or legal entity.

(d) After an investigation is complete, the reporter's name must be kept confidential. The subject of the report may compel disclosure of the reporter's name only with the consent of the reporter or upon a written finding by a district court that the report was false and there is evidence that the report was made in bad faith. This subdivision does not alter disclosure responsibilities or obligations under the Rules of Criminal Procedure, except that when the identity of the reporter is relevant to a criminal prosecution the district court ~~shall~~ must conduct an in-camera review before determining whether to order disclosure of the reporter's identity.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 15. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INTEGRITY ADVISORY BOARD.**

(a) By January 1, 2027, the commissioner of human services must establish a medical assistance program integrity advisory board. The board must oversee medical assistance program integrity efforts, evaluate the efforts, and provide recommendations, including but not limited to legislative changes, to the commissioner on ways to improve medical assistance program integrity. The board must advise the commissioner on enforcement proportionality, analytics governance, and program integrity metrics.

(b) The board must consist of seven members appointed by the commissioner of human services and must include:

(1) at least one member who is a forensic accountant;

(2) at least one member who is a data scientist;

(3) at least one member who is a long-term services and supports program expert;

(4) at least one member who is a program design and evaluation specialist; and

(5) at least one member of the public.

(c) The commissioner must annually select a board chair from among the members. The commissioner must develop procedures for appointing new members, compensation for members, and term length, if any, for members.

Sec. 16. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER ENROLLMENT STANDARDS.**

(a) By January 1, 2027, the commissioner of human services must make recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance regarding statutory and program changes to ensure only qualified, prepared, and financially stable providers are permitted to enroll as a medical assistance provider type designated by the commissioner as high-risk under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.04, subdivision 21.

(b) The commissioner must include in the recommendations enhanced provider enrollment screening standards related to the provider's regulatory knowledge, operational readiness, internal controls, financial liquidity and solvency, and capacity to comply with state and federal Medicaid requirements.

(c) In developing the recommendations, the commissioner must consult with the Health Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association, representatives of the medical assistance providers subject to the recommendations being considered, and other impacted groups.

Sec. 17. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; PROGRAM INTEGRITY TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION.**

By January 1, 2027, the commissioner of human services must develop recommendations on how to modernize program integrity infrastructure within the Department of Human Services. The recommendations must include the infrastructure's capability to provide near-real-time analytics and risk scoring; prepayment review and anomaly detection; cross-matching of enrollment data, licensure data, and claims data; and security dashboards for audits and investigations with privacy safeguards. By January 15, 2027, the commissioner must provide recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services program integrity functions.

Sec. 18. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND DESIGN AUDITS.**

(a) By August 1, 2026, the commissioner of human services must select and contract with an independent research entity to conduct comprehensive program structure and design audits on the services listed in paragraph (b). Each audit must identify structural incentive misalignments; undue compliance burdens on good-faith providers; regulatory and billing ambiguities; and gaps in utilization controls. Each audit must also provide evidence-based redesign recommendations.

(b) The services that must be audited by the independent research entity include:

(1) adult companion services;

(2) adult day services;

(3) adult rehabilitative mental health services;

(4) assertive community treatment;

(5) community first services and supports;

(6) early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention;

(7) individualized home supports;

(8) integrated community supports;

(9) intensive residential treatment services;

(10) night supervision services;

(11) nonemergency medical transportation services;

(12) peer recovery support services; and

(13) recuperative care.

(c) Each audit must be completed by January 1, 2027. The commissioner must submit each completed audit report within 30 days of receipt to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services program integrity functions.

Sec. 19. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; PROPORTIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INTEGRITY INTERVENTIONS.**

(a) By January 1, 2027, the commissioner of human services must make recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance on modernizing medical assistance program integrity efforts to strengthen fraud deterrence and promote clarity, proportionality based on the severity of an infraction, provider education, client protection, and continuity of care.

(b) The commissioner must include in the recommendations a comprehensive approach to proportional medical assistance program integrity interventions commensurate with the severity of an infraction of a medical assistance program requirement.

(c) For the purposes of the recommendations, the commissioner must consider three levels of severity:

(1) low-severity conduct, which includes clerical or documentation deficiencies with no evidence of intent to defraud;

(2) moderate-severity conduct, which includes repeat errors, evidence of weak internal controls, or other behavior that results in a pattern of improper payment; and

(3) high-severity conduct, which includes intentional actions by a provider to defraud and gain unearned payment.

(d) For the purposes of the recommendations, the commissioner must consider three levels of intervention:

(1) provider education for low-severity conduct;

(2) targeted audits for moderate-severity conduct; and

(3) suspended provider enrollment for high-severity conduct.

(e) In developing the recommendations, the commissioner must consult with the Health Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association, representatives of the medical assistance providers subject to the recommendations being considered, and other impacted groups.

Sec. 20. **APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

$391,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the attorney general to increase the number of staff within the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to improve program integrity and increase the Medical Fraud Control Unit's capacity for compliance efforts.

ARTICLE 2

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER ENROLLMENT MODIFICATIONS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142B.01, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Controlling individual.** (a) "Controlling individual" means an owner of a program or service provider licensed under this chapter and the following individuals, if applicable:

(1) each officer of the organization, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer;

(2) the individual designated as the authorized agent under section 142B.10, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

(3) the individual designated as the compliance officer under section ~~256B.04, subdivision 21, paragraph (g)~~ 256B.044, subdivision 8, paragraph (b);

(4) each managerial official whose responsibilities include the direction of the management or policies of a program;

(5) the individual designated as the primary provider of care for a special family child care program under section 142B.41, subdivision 4, paragraph (d); and

(6) the president and treasurer of the board of directors of a nonprofit corporation.

(b) Controlling individual does not include:

(1) a bank, savings bank, trust company, savings association, credit union, industrial loan and thrift company, investment banking firm, or insurance company unless the entity operates a program directly or through a subsidiary;

(2) an individual who is a state or federal official, or state or federal employee, or a member or employee of the governing body of a political subdivision of the state or federal government that operates one or more programs, unless the individual is also an officer, owner, or managerial official of the program; receives remuneration from the program; or owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision;

(3) an individual who owns less than five percent of the outstanding common shares of a corporation:

(i) whose securities are exempt under section 80A.45, clause (6); or

(ii) whose transactions are exempt under section 80A.46, clause (2);

(4) an individual who is a member of an organization exempt from taxation under section 290.05, unless the individual is also an officer, owner, or managerial official of the program or owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision. This clause does not exclude from the definition of controlling individual an organization that is exempt from taxation; or

(5) an employee stock ownership plan trust, or a participant or board member of an employee stock ownership plan, unless the participant or board member is a controlling individual according to paragraph (a).

(c) For purposes of this subdivision, "managerial official" means an individual who has the decision-making authority related to the operation of the program, and the responsibility for the ongoing management of or direction of the policies, services, or employees of the program. A site director who has no ownership interest in the program is not considered to be a managerial official for purposes of this definition.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245A.02, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

Subd. 5a. **Controlling individual.** (a) "Controlling individual" means an owner of a program or service provider licensed under this chapter and the following individuals, if applicable:

(1) each officer of the organization, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer;

(2) the individual designated as the authorized agent under section 245A.04, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

(3) the individual designated as the compliance officer under section ~~256B.04, subdivision 21, paragraph (g)~~ 256B.044, subdivision 8, paragraph (b);

(4) each managerial official whose responsibilities include the direction of the management or policies of a program; and

(5) the president and treasurer of the board of directors of a nonprofit corporation.

(b) Controlling individual does not include:

(1) a bank, savings bank, trust company, savings association, credit union, industrial loan and thrift company, investment banking firm, or insurance company unless the entity operates a program directly or through a subsidiary;

(2) an individual who is a state or federal official, or state or federal employee, or a member or employee of the governing body of a political subdivision of the state or federal government that operates one or more programs, unless the individual is also an officer, owner, or managerial official of the program, receives remuneration from the program, or owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision;

(3) an individual who owns less than five percent of the outstanding common shares of a corporation:

(i) whose securities are exempt under section 80A.45, clause (6); or

(ii) whose transactions are exempt under section 80A.46, clause (2);

(4) an individual who is a member of an organization exempt from taxation under section 290.05, unless the individual is also an officer, owner, or managerial official of the program or owns any of the beneficial interests not excluded in this subdivision. This clause does not exclude from the definition of controlling individual an organization that is exempt from taxation; or

(5) an employee stock ownership plan trust, or a participant or board member of an employee stock ownership plan, unless the participant or board member is a controlling individual according to paragraph (a).

(c) For purposes of this subdivision, "managerial official" means an individual who has the decision-making authority related to the operation of the program, and the responsibility for the ongoing management of or direction of the policies, services, or employees of the program. A site director who has no ownership interest in the program is not considered to be a managerial official for purposes of this definition.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245D.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Program management and oversight.** (a) The license holder must designate a managerial staff person or persons to provide program management and oversight of the services provided by the license holder. The designated manager is responsible for the following:

(1) maintaining a current understanding of the licensing requirements sufficient to ensure compliance throughout the program as identified in section 245A.04, subdivision 1, paragraph (e), and when applicable, as identified in section ~~256B.04, subdivision 21, paragraph (g)~~ 256B.044, subdivision 8;

(2) ensuring the duties of the designated coordinator are fulfilled according to the requirements in subdivision 2;

(3) ensuring the program implements corrective action identified as necessary by the program following review of incident and emergency reports according to the requirements in section 245D.11,

subdivision 2, clause (7). An internal review of incident reports of alleged or suspected maltreatment must be conducted according to the requirements in section 245A.65, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

(4) evaluation of satisfaction of persons served by the program, the person's legal representative, if any, and the case manager, with the service delivery and progress toward accomplishing outcomes identified in sections 245D.07 and 245D.071, and ensuring and protecting each person's rights as identified in section 245D.04;

(5) ensuring staff competency requirements are met according to the requirements in section 245D.09, subdivision 3, and ensuring staff orientation and training is provided according to the requirements in section 245D.09, subdivisions 4, 4a, and 5;

(6) ensuring corrective action is taken when ordered by the commissioner and that the terms and conditions of the license and any variances are met; and

(7) evaluating the information identified in clauses (1) to (6) to develop, document, and implement ongoing program improvements.

(b) The designated manager must be competent to perform the duties as required and must minimally meet the education and training requirements identified in subdivision 2, paragraph (b), and have a minimum of three years of supervisory level experience in a program that provides care or education to vulnerable adults or children.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.04, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Annual report required.** The state agency within 60 days after the close of each fiscal year, shall prepare and print for the fiscal year a report that includes: a full account of the operations and expenditure of funds under this chapter~~,~~; a full account of the activities undertaken in accordance with subdivision 10~~,~~; adequate and complete statistics divided by counties about all medical assistance provided in accordance with this chapter~~,~~; a full account of all pre-enrollment, postenrollment, and unannounced site visits to providers under section 256B.044, subdivision 5; and any other information it may deem advisable.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.04, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

Subd. 21. **Provider enrollment.** ~~(a)~~ The commissioner shall enroll providers and conduct screening activities as required by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455, subpart E, and sections 256B.044 to 256B.0445.

~~A provider must enroll each provider-controlled location where direct services are provided. The commissioner may deny a provider's incomplete application if a provider fails to respond to the commissioner's request for additional information within 60 days of the request. The commissioner must conduct a background study under chapter 245C, including a review of databases in section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5), for a provider described in this paragraph. The background study requirement may be satisfied if the commissioner conducted a fingerprint-based background study on the provider that includes a review of databases in section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5).~~

~~(b) The commissioner shall revalidate:~~

~~(1) each provider under this subdivision at least once every five years;~~

~~(2) each personal care assistance agency, CFSS provider agency, and CFSS financial management services provider under this subdivision at least once every three years;~~

~~(3) each EIDBI agency under this subdivision at least once every three years; and~~

~~(4) at the commissioner's discretion, any medical-assistance-only provider type the commissioner deems "high-risk" under this subdivision.~~

~~(c) The commissioner shall conduct revalidation as follows:~~

~~(1) provide 30-day notice of the revalidation due date including instructions for revalidation and a list of materials the provider must submit;~~

~~(2) if a provider fails to submit all required materials by the due date, notify the provider of the deficiency within 30 days after the due date and allow the provider an additional 30 days from the notification date to comply; and~~

~~(3) if a provider fails to remedy a deficiency within the 30-day time period, give 60-day notice of termination and immediately suspend the provider's ability to bill. The provider does not have the right to appeal suspension of ability to bill.~~

~~(d) If a provider fails to comply with any individual provider requirement or condition of participation, the commissioner may suspend the provider's ability to bill until the provider comes into compliance. The commissioner's decision to suspend the provider is not subject to an administrative appeal.~~

~~(e) Correspondence and notifications, including notifications of termination and other actions, may be delivered electronically to a provider's MN-ITS mailbox. This paragraph does not apply to correspondences and notifications related to background studies.~~

~~(f) If the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services determines that a provider is designated "high-risk," the commissioner may withhold payment from providers within that category upon initial enrollment for a 90-day period. The withholding for each provider must begin on the date of the first submission of a claim.~~

~~(g) An enrolled provider that is also licensed by the commissioner under chapter 245A, is licensed as a home care provider by the Department of Health under chapter 144A, or is licensed as an assisted living facility under chapter 144G and has a home and community-based services designation on the home care license under section 144A.484, must designate an individual as the entity's compliance officer. The compliance officer must:~~

~~(1) develop policies and procedures to assure adherence to medical assistance laws and regulations and to prevent inappropriate claims submissions;~~

~~(2) train the employees of the provider entity, and any agents or subcontractors of the provider entity including billers, on the policies and procedures under clause (1);~~

~~(3) respond to allegations of improper conduct related to the provision or billing of medical assistance services, and implement action to remediate any resulting problems;~~

~~(4) use evaluation techniques to monitor compliance with medical assistance laws and regulations;~~

~~(5) promptly report to the commissioner any identified violations of medical assistance laws or regulations; and~~

~~(6) within 60 days of discovery by the provider of a medical assistance reimbursement overpayment, report the overpayment to the commissioner and make arrangements with the commissioner for the commissioner's recovery of the overpayment.~~

~~The commissioner may require, as a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, that a provider within a particular industry sector or category establish a compliance program that contains the core elements established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.~~

~~(h) The commissioner may revoke the enrollment of an ordering or rendering provider for a period of not more than one year, if the provider fails to maintain and, upon request from the commissioner, provide access to documentation relating to written orders or requests for payment for durable medical equipment, certifications for home health services, or referrals for other items or services written or ordered by such provider, when the commissioner has identified a pattern of a lack of documentation. A pattern means a failure to maintain documentation or provide access to documentation on more than one occasion. Nothing in this paragraph limits the authority of the commissioner to sanction a provider under the provisions of section 256B.064.~~

~~(i) The commissioner shall terminate or deny the enrollment of any individual or entity if the individual or entity has been terminated from participation in Medicare or under the Medicaid program or Children's Health Insurance Program of any other state. The commissioner may exempt a rehabilitation agency from termination or denial that would otherwise be required under this paragraph, if the agency:~~

~~(1) is unable to retain Medicare certification and enrollment solely due to a lack of billing to the Medicare program;~~

~~(2) meets all other applicable Medicare certification requirements based on an on-site review completed by the commissioner of health; and~~

~~(3) serves primarily a pediatric population.~~

~~(j) As a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, the commissioner shall require that a provider designated "moderate" or "high-risk" by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or the commissioner permit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, its agents, or its designated contractors and the state agency, its agents, or its designated contractors to conduct unannounced on-site inspections of any provider location. The commissioner shall publish in the Minnesota Health Care Program Provider Manual a list of provider types designated "limited," "moderate," or "high-risk," based on the criteria and standards used to designate Medicare providers in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 424.518. The list and criteria are not subject to the requirements of chapter 14. The commissioner's designations are not subject to administrative appeal.~~

~~(k) As a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, the commissioner shall require that a high-risk provider, or a person with a direct or indirect ownership interest in the provider of five percent or higher, consent to criminal background checks, including fingerprinting, when required to do so under state law or by a determination by the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that a provider is designated high-risk for fraud, waste, or abuse.~~

~~(l)(1) Upon initial enrollment, reenrollment, and notification of revalidation, all durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) medical suppliers meeting the durable medical equipment provider and supplier definition in clause (3), operating in Minnesota and receiving Medicaid funds must purchase a surety bond that is annually renewed and designates the Minnesota Department of Human Services as the obligee, and must be submitted in a form approved by the commissioner. For purposes of this clause, the following medical suppliers are not required to obtain a surety bond: a federally qualified health center, a home health agency, the Indian Health Service, a pharmacy, and a rural health clinic.~~

~~(2) At the time of initial enrollment or reenrollment, durable medical equipment providers and suppliers defined in clause (3) must purchase a surety bond of $50,000. If a revalidating provider's Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is up to and including $300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of $50,000. If a revalidating provider's Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is over $300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of $100,000. The surety bond must allow for recovery of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. Any action to obtain monetary recovery or sanctions from a surety bond must occur within six years from the date the debt is affirmed by a final agency decision. An agency decision is final when the right to appeal the debt has been exhausted or the time to appeal has expired under section 256B.064.~~

~~(3) "Durable medical equipment provider or supplier" means a medical supplier that can purchase medical equipment or supplies for sale or rental to the general public and is able to perform or arrange for necessary repairs to and maintenance of equipment offered for sale or rental.~~

~~(m) The Department of Human Services may require a provider to purchase a surety bond as a condition of initial enrollment, reenrollment, reinstatement, or continued enrollment if: (1) the provider fails to demonstrate financial viability, (2) the department determines there is significant evidence of or potential for fraud and abuse by the provider, or (3) the provider or category of providers is designated high-risk pursuant to paragraph (f) and as per Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.450. The surety bond must be in an amount of $100,000 or ten percent of the provider's payments from Medicaid during the immediately preceding 12 months, whichever is greater. The surety bond must name the Department of Human Services as an obligee and must allow for recovery of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. This paragraph does not apply if the provider currently maintains a surety bond under the requirements in section 256B.051, 256B.0659, 256B.0701, or 256B.85.~~

Sec. 6. **[256B.044] PROVIDER ENROLLMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **Designating categorical risk levels.** (a) The commissioner must designate provider types as "limited-risk," "moderate-risk," or "high-risk" based on the criteria and standards used to designate Medicare providers in Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 424.518. The commissioner must publish a list of provider types and designated categorical risk levels in the Minnesota Health Care Program Provider Manual.

(b) The list and criteria are not subject to the requirements of chapter 14, and section 14.386 does not apply.

(c) The commissioner's designations are not subject to administrative appeal.

Subd. 2. **Required verifications and checks.** The commissioner must perform the following verifications and checks prior to making an enrollment determination and periodically thereafter:

(1) verify that the provider meets applicable federal and state requirements for the provider type;

(2) conduct license verifications, as applicable, including verification of current licensure in Minnesota and in any other state in which the provider is or was previously licensed, in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.412;

(3) conduct database checks on a pre-enrollment and postenrollment basis to ensure that the provider continues to meet the enrollment criteria for the provider type, in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.436;

(4) confirm that the provider and any disclosed owners, managing employees, or controlling individuals are not excluded from participation in any state's Medicaid program, Medicare, or any other federal health care program;

(5) verify the provider's National Provider Identifier and, as applicable, Medicare enrollment status;

(6) verify the provider's tax identification number and business registration status;

(7) verify the provider's ownership and control disclosures as required under federal law; and

(8) conduct any additional screenings, verifications, or reviews that are necessary to protect the integrity of the medical assistance program or that are required under federal law.

Subd. 3. **Required background studies.** (a) The commissioner must conduct a background study under chapter 245C, for a provider applying for enrollment. The background study must include a review of databases in section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5), and any other databases required under federal law.

(b) The commissioner must conduct a background study under this subdivision for each individual with an ownership or control interest in, or who is an officer, director, agent, managing employee, or other person with operational or managerial control of the provider.

(c) Fingerprint-based studies are required when mandated by federal law or when a provider is designated moderate-risk or high-risk under subdivision 1.

(d) The commissioner may conduct background studies postenrollment as necessary.

(e) A provider's failure to submit to the commissioner the information required for a background study under this subdivision is grounds for denial or termination of enrollment in medical assistance.

(f) A provider's enrollment must be denied or terminated if a provider or individual subject to a background study under this subdivision is disqualified under chapter 245C or is excluded from participating in any federal health care programs.

Subd. 4. **Service location enrollment.** (a) A provider must enroll each provider-controlled location where direct services are provided. "Provider-controlled location" means a physical site owned, leased, operated, or otherwise controlled by the provider.

(b) Providers must report all provider-controlled locations where direct services are provided to the commissioner and obtain approval before billing for services provided at a new location.

(c) Separate enrollment is not required for services provided in a recipient's home or community setting, telehealth services delivered from an enrolled site, compliant mobile services, or other federally permissible exemptions.

(d) A provider's failure to enroll each provider-controlled location where direct services are provided is grounds for sanctions under section 256B.064.

Subd. 5. **Site visits.** (a) As a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, the commissioner shall require that a provider permit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CMS's agents, or CMS's designated contractors and the Department of Human Services (DHS), DHS's agents, or DHS's designated contractors to conduct unannounced site visits of any of a provider's enrolled locations.

(b) At a minimum, the commissioner must conduct the following site visits at each of a provider's enrolled locations:

(1) pre-enrollment site visits for providers designated as moderate-risk or high-risk under subdivision 1;

(2) postenrollment site visits for providers designated as moderate-risk or high-risk under subdivision 1; and

(3) unannounced site visits, as follows:

(i) prior to payment of the provider's first claim after enrollment, when required under federal law or due to program integrity concerns;

(ii) within 12 months after the provider begins to bill claims; and

(iii) prior to revalidation under section 256B.0441, subdivision 3.

(c) The commissioner may conduct additional announced or unannounced site visits when necessary to verify compliance with enrollment requirements or to protect program integrity.

(d) A provider's failure to permit a required site visit is grounds for denial, suspension, or termination of enrollment and may result in denial of claims or recoupment of payments.

Subd. 6. **Surety bonds.** (a) The commissioner must require a provider to purchase a surety bond as a condition of initial enrollment, reenrollment, revalidation, reinstatement, or continued enrollment if:

(1) the provider fails to demonstrate financial viability;

(2) the commissioner determines there is significant evidence of or potential for fraud and abuse by the provider; or

(3) the provider or category of providers is designated high-risk pursuant to subdivision 1.

(b) The surety bond must be in an amount of $100,000 or ten percent of the provider's payments from Medicaid during the immediately preceding 12 months, whichever is greater. The surety bond must name DHS as an obligee and must allow for recovery of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond.

(c) This subdivision does not apply if the provider currently maintains a surety bond under the requirements in section 256B.051, 256B.0659, 256B.0701, or 256B.85.

Subd. 7. **Financial capacity.** As a condition of enrolling in medical assistance, the commissioner must require, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, that a provider demonstrate sufficient financial capacity to operate, repay improper payments, and make payroll for 90 days.

Subd. 8. **Compliance programs.** (a) The commissioner may require, as a condition of enrollment in medical assistance, that a provider in a particular industry, of a particular provider type, or with a particular risk categorization under subdivision 1, establish and maintain a compliance program consistent with federal program integrity guidance issued by CMS or the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General.

(b) If an enrolled provider is required by the commissioner or by federal or state law to designate an individual as the provider's compliance officer, the provider must appoint an individual responsible for implementing and overseeing the compliance program.

(c) At a minimum, the compliance program must include policies and procedures designed to:

(1) ensure adherence to federal and state laws and program requirements governing medical assistance and prevent the submission of improper claims;

(2) train employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors, including billing personnel, on applicable federal and state laws and program requirements;

(3) establish procedures for receiving, investigating, and responding to allegations of improper conduct and for implementing corrective actions;

(4) use auditing, monitoring, or other evaluation techniques to assess ongoing compliance;

(5) promptly report to the commissioner any credible evidence of violations of federal and state laws or regulations governing medical assistance; and

(6) report and return identified medical assistance overpayments within 60 days after discovery or by the date any corresponding cost report is due, whichever is later, in accordance with federal law.

Subd. 9. **Incomplete provider enrollment applications.** The commissioner must deny a provider's incomplete enrollment application if a provider fails to respond to the commissioner's request for additional information within 60 days of the request.

Subd. 10. **Correspondence and notification.** The commissioner must deliver correspondence and notifications, including notifications of termination and other actions, electronically to a provider's MN-ITS mailbox. This subdivision does not apply to correspondences and notifications related to background studies.

Sec. 7. **[256B.0441] PROVIDER REVALIDATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** The commissioner must revalidate each enrolled provider according to this section.

Subd. 2. **Schedule.** (a) The commissioner shall revalidate:

(1) each provider at least once every five years;

(2) each personal care assistance agency, CFSS provider-agency, and CFSS financial management services provider at least once every three years;

(3) each EIDBI agency at least once every three years; and

(4) each medical-assistance-only provider type the commissioner deems high-risk under section 256B.044, subdivision 1, at least every three years.

(b) The commissioner must conduct revalidation of a provider more frequently when required under federal law or when necessary to protect program integrity.

Subd. 3. **Procedures.** (a) The commissioner shall conduct revalidation as follows:

(1) provide 30-day notice to the provider of the provider's revalidation due date, including instructions for revalidation, a list of materials the provider must submit, and a notice about the unannounced site visit required under paragraph (b);

(2) if a provider fails to submit all required materials or satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) by the due date, notify the provider of the deficiency within 14 days after the due date and allow the provider an additional 14 days from the notification date to comply; and

(3) if a provider fails to remedy a deficiency within the additional 28-day time period, give 15-day notice of termination and immediately suspend the provider's ability to bill. The commissioner's decision to suspend the provider's ability to bill is not subject to an administrative appeal.

(b) The commissioner must conduct unannounced site visits at each of a provider's enrolled locations under section 256B.044, subdivision 4, no more than 30 days prior to the provider's revalidation due date.

(c) A provider must demonstrate financial capacity, as described under section 256B.044, subdivision 7, as a requirement of revalidation under this subdivision.

Sec. 8. **[256B.0442] PROVIDER ENROLLMENT SUSPENSIONS AND TERMINATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Suspension of billing privileges.** (a) If a provider fails to comply with any individual provider requirement or condition of participation, the commissioner must suspend the provider's ability to bill until the provider comes into compliance.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner may immediately impose a suspension under this subdivision when necessary to protect public funds or ensure program integrity.

(c) A suspension under this subdivision does not limit the authority of the commissioner to issue any other sanction authorized under federal or state law.

(d) The commissioner's decision to suspend a provider's ability to bill is not subject to an administrative appeal.

Subd. 2. **Revocation for lack of documentation.** (a) The commissioner may revoke the enrollment of an ordering or rendering provider for a period of not more than one year if the provider fails to maintain and, upon request from the commissioner, provide access to documentation relating to written orders or requests for payment for durable medical equipment, certifications for home health services, or referrals for other items or services written or ordered by the provider when the commissioner has identified a pattern of a lack of documentation. A pattern means a failure to maintain documentation or provide access to documentation on more than one occasion.

(b) Nothing in this subdivision limits the authority of the commissioner to sanction a provider under the provisions of section 256B.064.

Subd. 3. **Mandatory denial or termination of enrollment.** (a) The commissioner must terminate or deny the enrollment of a provider when:

(1) an individual with a five percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest in the provider does not submit timely and accurate information and cooperate with the screening methods required under section 256B.044;

(2) an individual with a five percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest in the provider has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the individual's involvement in Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program in the last ten years, unless the commissioner determines that denial or termination of enrollment is not in the best interests of the medical assistance program and the commissioner documents that determination in writing;

(3) the provider or an individual was terminated from participation in Medicare on or after January 1, 2011, or under a Medicaid program or Children's Health Insurance Program of any other

state, and is currently included in the termination database under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.417, except as provided in paragraph (b);

(4) the provider, or an individual with an ownership or control interest or who is an agent or managing employee of the provider, fails to submit timely or accurate information, unless the commissioner determines that termination or denial of enrollment is not in the best interests of the medical assistance program and the commissioner documents that determination in writing;

(5) the provider, or an individual with a five percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest in the provider, fails to submit sets of fingerprints in a form and manner determined by the commissioner within 30 days of a request from CMS or the commissioner, unless the commissioner determines that termination or denial of enrollment is not in the best interests of the medical assistance program and the commissioner documents that determination in writing;

(6) the provider fails to permit access to provider locations for any site visits under section 256B.044, subdivision 5, unless the commissioner determines that termination or denial of enrollment is not in the best interests of the medical assistance program and the commissioner documents that determination in writing; or

(7) CMS or the commissioner determines that the provider has falsified any information provided on the application or cannot verify the identity of any provider applicant.

(b) The commissioner may exempt a rehabilitation agency from termination or denial that would otherwise be required under paragraph (a), clause (3), if the agency:

(1) is unable to retain Medicare certification and enrollment solely due to a lack of billing to the Medicare program;

(2) meets all other applicable Medicare certification requirements based on an on-site review completed by the commissioner of health; and

(3) serves primarily a pediatric population.

Sec. 9. **[256B.0443] PROVIDER PAYMENT WITHHOLDS.**

(a) If the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services designate a provider type as high-risk under section 256B.044, subdivision 1, the commissioner may withhold payment from providers within that category upon initial enrollment for a 90-day period.

(b) The withholding for each provider must begin on the date of the first submission of a claim.

Sec. 10. **[256B.0444] ENROLLMENT MORATORIUM FOR HIGH-RISK PROVIDERS.**

Subdivision 1. **Provider enrollment moratorium.** (a) If the commissioner or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) designates a provider type as high-risk under section 256B.044, subdivision 1, the commissioner may issue a statewide or regional enrollment moratorium and stop accepting and processing applications from providers within that category within 30 days of the date of the designation or upon federal approval of the moratorium, whichever is later. A moratorium issued under this section is effective for a period of up to 24 months from the date the moratorium is issued.

(b) Before ending the moratorium under this section, the commissioner must revalidate the enrollment of each provider within the affected category in accordance with the revalidation procedures under section 256B.0441, subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Continued enrollment of new clients.** Nothing in this section prohibits an enrolled provider subject to a moratorium under this section from enrolling new clients or beneficiaries during the period of the enrollment moratorium.

Subd. 3. **Notice.** At least ten days prior to issuing an enrollment moratorium under this section, the commissioner must notify enrolled providers within the affected category and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services about the actions the commissioner plans to take under this section. The notice must:

(1) include a list of provider types to which the moratorium applies;

(2) provide a general explanation for the basis of the high-risk designation; and

(3) identify the start dates and anticipated durations of the enrollment moratorium.

Subd. 4. **Report to legislature.** Within 60 days of ending an enrollment moratorium under this section, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services. The report must include, at a minimum:

(1) a summary of any sanctions imposed under section 256B.064 on any providers subject to the moratorium; and

(2) recommendations for modifying or terminating the provision of covered services delivered by provider types subject to the moratorium.

Sec. 11. **[256B.0445] ADDITIONAL PROVIDER ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC PROVIDER TYPES.**

Subdivision 1. **Durable medical equipment provider or supplier.** (a) For the purposes of this subdivision, "durable medical equipment provider or supplier" means a medical supplier that can purchase medical equipment or supplies for sale or rent to the general public and is able to perform or arrange for necessary repairs to and maintenance of equipment offered for sale or rent.

(b) Upon initial enrollment, reenrollment, and notification of revalidation, all durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies medical suppliers meeting the durable medical equipment provider or supplier definition in paragraph (a), operating in Minnesota, and receiving Medicaid money must purchase a surety bond that is annually renewed, designates the state agency as the obligee, and is submitted in a form approved by the commissioner. For purposes of this paragraph, the following medical suppliers are not required to obtain a surety bond: a federally qualified health center, a home health agency, the Indian Health Service, a pharmacy, and a rural health clinic.

(c) At the time of initial enrollment or reenrollment, durable medical equipment providers or suppliers defined in paragraph (a) must purchase a surety bond of $50,000. If a revalidating provider's

Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is up to and including $300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of $50,000. If a revalidating provider's Medicaid revenue in the previous calendar year is over $300,000, the provider agency must purchase a surety bond of $100,000. The surety bond must allow for recovery of costs and fees in pursuing a claim on the bond. Any action to obtain monetary recovery or sanctions from a surety bond must occur within six years from the date the debt is affirmed by a final agency decision. An agency decision is final when the right to appeal the debt has been exhausted or the time to appeal has expired under section 256B.064.

Subd. 2. **Providers licensed by the commissioner of human services.** An enrolled provider that is licensed by the commissioner under chapter 245A must designate an individual as the licensee's compliance officer under section 256B.044, subdivision 8, paragraph (b).

Subd. 3. **Providers licensed by the commissioner of health.** An enrolled provider that is licensed by the commissioner of health as a home care provider under chapter 144A with a home and community-based services designation under section 144A.484 on the home care license, or as an assisted living facility under chapter 144G, must designate an individual as the licensee's compliance officer under section 256B.044, subdivision 8, paragraph (b).

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0759, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Provider payment rates.** (a) Payment rates for participating providers must be increased for services provided to medical assistance enrollees. To receive a rate increase, participating providers must meet demonstration project requirements and provide evidence of formal referral arrangements with providers delivering step-up or step-down levels of care. Providers that have enrolled in the demonstration project but have not met the provider standards under subdivision 3 as of July 1, 2022, are not eligible for a rate increase under this subdivision until the date that the provider meets the provider standards in subdivision 3. Services provided from July 1, 2022, to the date that the provider meets the provider standards under subdivision 3 shall be reimbursed at rates according to section 254B.0505, subdivision 1. Rate increases paid under this subdivision to a provider for services provided between July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, are not subject to recoupment when the provider is taking meaningful steps to meet demonstration project requirements that are not otherwise required by law, and the provider provides documentation to the commissioner, upon request, of the steps being taken.

(b) The commissioner may temporarily suspend payments to the provider according to section ~~256B.04, subdivision 21, paragraph (d)~~ 256B.0442, subdivision 1, if the provider does not meet the requirements in paragraph (a). Payments withheld from the provider must be made once the commissioner determines that the requirements in paragraph (a) are met.

(c) For outpatient individual and group substance use disorder services under section 254B.0505, subdivision 1, clause (1), and adolescent treatment programs that are licensed as outpatient treatment programs according to sections 245G.01 to 245G.18, provided on or after January 1, 2021, payment rates must be increased by 20 percent over the rates in effect on December 31, 2020.

(d) Effective January 1, 2021, and contingent on annual federal approval, managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans must reimburse providers of the substance use disorder services meeting the criteria described in paragraph (a) who are employed by or under contract with the plan

an amount that is at least equal to the fee-for-service base rate payment for the substance use disorder services described in paragraph (c). The commissioner must monitor the effect of this requirement on the rate of access to substance use disorder services and residential substance use disorder rates. Capitation rates paid to managed care organizations and county-based purchasing plans must reflect the impact of this requirement. This paragraph expires if federal approval is not received at any time as required under this paragraph.

(e) Effective July 1, 2021, contracts between managed care plans and county-based purchasing plans and providers to whom paragraph (d) applies must allow recovery of payments from those providers if, for any contract year, federal approval for the provisions of paragraph (d) is not received, and capitation rates are adjusted as a result. Payment recoveries must not exceed the amount equal to any decrease in rates that results from this provision.

(f) For substance use disorder services with medications for opioid use disorder under section 254B.0505, subdivision 1, clause (7), provided on or after January 1, 2021, payment rates must be increased by 20 percent over the rates in effect on December 31, 2020. Upon implementation of new rates according to section 254B.121, the 20 percent increase will no longer apply.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 256B.0949, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

Subd. 16. **Agency duties.** (a) An agency delivering an EIDBI service under this section must:

(1) enroll as a medical assistance Minnesota health care program provider according to Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0195, and ~~section 256B.04, subdivision 21~~ sections 256B.044 to 256B.0445, and meet all applicable provider standards and requirements;

(2) designate an individual as the agency's compliance officer who must perform the duties described in section ~~256B.04, subdivision 21, paragraph (g)~~ 256B.044, subdivision 8, paragraph (b);

(3) demonstrate compliance with federal and state laws for the delivery of and billing for EIDBI service;

(4) verify and maintain records of a service provided to the person or the person's legal representative as required under Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.2175 and 9505.2197;

(5) demonstrate that while enrolled or seeking enrollment as a Minnesota health care program provider the agency did not have a lead agency contract or provider agreement discontinued because of a conviction of fraud; or did not have an owner, board member, or manager fail a state or federal criminal background check or appear on the list of excluded individuals or entities maintained by the federal Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General;

(6) have established business practices including written policies and procedures, internal controls, and a system that demonstrates the organization's ability to deliver quality EIDBI services, appropriately submit claims, conduct required staff training, document staff qualifications, document service activities, and document service quality;

(7) have an office located in Minnesota or a border state;

(8) initiate a background study as required under subdivision 16a;

(9) report maltreatment according to section 626.557 and chapter 260E;

(10) comply with any data requests consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, sections 256B.064 and 256B.27;

(11) provide training for all agency staff on the requirements and responsibilities listed in the Maltreatment of Minors Act, chapter 260E, and the Vulnerable Adult Protection Act, section 626.557, including mandated and voluntary reporting, nonretaliation, and the agency's policy for all staff on how to report suspected abuse and neglect;

(12) have a written policy to resolve issues collaboratively with the person and the person's legal representative when possible. The policy must include a timeline for when the person and the person's legal representative will be notified about issues that arise in the provision of services;

(13) provide the person's legal representative with prompt notification if the person is injured while being served by the agency. An incident report must be completed by the agency staff member in charge of the person. A copy of all incident and injury reports must remain on file at the agency for at least five years from the report of the incident;

(14) before starting a service, provide the person or the person's legal representative a description of the treatment modality that the person shall receive, including the staffing certification levels and training of the staff who shall provide a treatment;

(15) provide clinical supervision for a minimum of one hour for every 16 hours of direct treatment per person, unless otherwise authorized in the person's individual treatment plan; and

(16) provide required EIDBI intervention observation and direction at least once per month. Notwithstanding subdivision 13, paragraph (l), required EIDBI intervention observation and direction under this clause may be conducted via telehealth provided that no more than two consecutive monthly required EIDBI intervention observation and direction sessions under this clause are conducted via telehealth.

(b) Upon request of the commissioner, an agency delivering services under this section must:

(1) identify the agency's controlling individuals, as defined under section 245A.02, subdivision 5a;

(2) provide disclosures of the use of billing agencies and other consultants who do not provide EIDBI services; and

(3) provide copies of any contracts with consultants or independent contractors who do not provide EIDBI services, including hours contracted and responsibilities.

(c) When delivering the ITP, and annually thereafter, an agency must provide the person or the person's legal representative with:

(1) a written copy and a verbal explanation of the person's or person's legal representative's rights and the agency's responsibilities;

(2) documentation in the person's file the date that the person or the person's legal representative received a copy and explanation of the person's or person's legal representative's rights and the agency's responsibilities; and

(3) reasonable accommodations to provide the information in another format or language as needed to facilitate understanding of the person's or person's legal representative's rights and the agency's responsibilities.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0949, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

Subd. 17. **Provider shortage; authority for exceptions.** (a) In consultation with the Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention Advisory Council and stakeholders, including agencies, professionals, parents of people with ASD or a related condition, and advocacy organizations, the commissioner shall determine if a shortage of EIDBI providers exists. For the purposes of this subdivision, "shortage of EIDBI providers" means a lack of availability of providers who meet the EIDBI provider qualification requirements under subdivision 15 that results in the delay of access to timely services under this section, or that significantly impairs the ability of a provider agency to have sufficient providers to meet the requirements of this section. The commissioner shall consider geographic factors when determining the prevalence of a shortage. The commissioner may determine that a shortage exists only in a specific region of the state, multiple regions of the state, or statewide. The commissioner shall also consider the availability of various types of treatment modalities covered under this section.

(b) The commissioner, in consultation with the Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention Advisory Council and stakeholders, must establish processes and criteria for granting an exception under this paragraph. The commissioner may grant an exception only if the exception would not compromise a person's safety and not diminish the effectiveness of the treatment. The commissioner may establish an expiration date for an exception granted under this paragraph. The commissioner may grant an exception for the following:

(1) EIDBI provider qualifications under this section;

(2) medical assistance provider enrollment requirements under ~~section 256B.04, subdivision 21~~ sections 256B.044 to 256B.0445; or

(3) EIDBI provider or agency standards or requirements.

(c) If the commissioner, in consultation with the Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention Advisory Council and stakeholders, determines that a shortage no longer exists, the commissioner must submit a notice that a shortage no longer exists to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and the house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over health and human services. The commissioner must post the notice for public comment for 30 days. The commissioner shall consider public comments before submitting to the legislature a request to end the shortage declaration. The commissioner shall not declare the shortage of EIDBI providers ended without direction from the legislature to declare it ended.

Sec. 15. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

The commissioner of human services must amend Minnesota Rules, part 9505.2165, subpart 4, item C, to remove the citation to United States Code, title 42, section 1320a-7b(b)(3)(D), and insert a citation to United States Code, title 42, section 1320a-7b(b). The commissioner may use the procedure under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), for changes to Minnesota Rules pursuant to this section. Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply to rules adopted pursuant to this section except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying requirements for provider enrollment in medical assistance; modifying program integrity requirements for the medical assistance program; directing the commissioner of human services to create a medical assistance program integrity advisory board; directing the commissioner of human services to make recommendations on provider enrollment standards, modernizing program integrity infrastructure, and program integrity interventions; directing the commissioner of human services to conduct audits; requiring reports; making technical changes; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 142B.01, subdivision 8; 245.095, by adding a subdivision; 245A.02, subdivision 5a; 245D.081, subdivision 3; 256B.04, subdivision 5; 256B.064, subdivisions 1b, 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, by adding subdivisions; 256B.0949, subdivision 17; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 15.013, by adding a subdivision; 256B.04, subdivision 21; 256B.064, subdivision 1a; 256B.0759, subdivision 4; 256B.0949, subdivision 16; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B."

And when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services without recommendation. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Murphy, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 3741 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
3741	3957				

and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

Senator Murphy, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 3802 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
3802	3760				

and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

Senator Putnam from the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4332: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying provisions for importing, stocking, and transferring fish eggs in aquaculture; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 17.4986, subdivisions 2, 3; 17.4987; 17.4992, subdivision 2.

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

Page 1, line 15, after the third comma, insert "epizootic epitheliotropic disease virus,"

Page 2, lines 1 and 22, after the second comma, insert "epizootic epitheliotropic disease virus,"

Page 3, line 17, after the comma, insert "epizootic epitheliotropic disease virus,"

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Putnam from the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4561: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying agriculture policy provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 17.81, by adding a subdivision; 18.77, subdivision 12, by adding subdivisions; 18.771; 18.79, subdivision 2; 18.81, subdivision 3; 18.82; 18.83, subdivision 3; 18.86; 18.91, subdivision 2; 18C.005, subdivisions 6, 6a, 25, 33, by adding a subdivision; 28A.0752; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 18.79, subdivision 3; 28A.04, subdivision 1; 28A.08, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18.77, subdivision 14; 28A.075.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

AGRICULTURE POLICY

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 17.81, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. **Agrivoltaic system.** "Agrivoltaic system" means the simultaneous integration of farming, as defined in section 41C.02, subdivision 10, and solar energy generation on the same land.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3b. **Cultivated variety or cultivar.** "Cultivated variety" or "cultivar" means a named plant variety that is clonally propagated to maintain genetic uniformity.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11a. **Plant variety.** "Plant variety" means a more precisely defined group of plants, selected from within a species, with a common set of characteristics.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11b. **Propagate.** "Propagate" means to cause or continue to increase by sexual or asexual reproduction. Propagate includes but is not limited to germination by seed; regeneration of vegetative parts such as roots, stems, or leaves; and the removal of plants from one location and replanting at another location.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **Propagating parts.** "Propagating parts" means all plant parts~~, including seeds,~~ that are capable of producing new plants.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 18. **Reasonable grounds.** "Reasonable grounds" means a report, a complaint, direct observation, or circumstantial evidence, such as the nearby presence of noxious weeds, a history of noxious weed infestation, or other evidence from which a reasonable person acting in good faith might infer the presence of noxious weeds.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.771, is amended to read:

18.771 NOXIOUS WEED CATEGORIES.

Subdivision 1. **Noxious weed categories.** (a) For purposes of designation under section 18.79, subdivision 13, noxious weed category means each of the following categories:

(1) the prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds category;

(2) the prohibited-control noxious weeds category;

(3) the restricted noxious weeds category;

(4) the specially regulated plants category; and

(5) the county noxious weeds category.

(b) The "prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds that must be eradicated on all lands within the state. ~~Transportation of the propagating parts of prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds is prohibited except as allowed under section 18.82.~~ Prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds ~~may~~ and their propagating parts must not be imported into Minnesota or sold ~~or~~, propagated, or transported in Minnesota, except as allowed under section 18.82. Noxious weeds that are designated

as prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds and placed on the prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds list are plants that are not currently known to be present in Minnesota or are not widely established in the state. All prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds must be eradicated.

(c) The "prohibited-control noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds that must be controlled on all lands within the state. ~~Transportation of the propagating parts of prohibited-control noxious weeds is prohibited~~ Prohibited-control noxious weeds and their propagating parts must not be imported into Minnesota or sold, propagated, or transported in Minnesota, except as allowed under section 18.82. ~~Prohibited-control noxious weeds may not be propagated or sold in Minnesota.~~ Noxious weeds that are designated as prohibited-control noxious weeds and placed on the prohibited-control noxious weeds list are plants that are already established throughout the state or regions of the state. At a minimum, these species must be controlled in a way that prevents spread of these species by seed or vegetative means.

(d) The "restricted noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds and their propagating parts that ~~may~~ must not be imported~~,~~ into Minnesota or sold, propagated, or transported in the state, except as allowed ~~by permit~~ under section 18.82. Noxious weeds that are designated as restricted and placed on the restricted list may be plants that are widely distributed in Minnesota and for which a requirement of eradication or control would not be feasible on a statewide basis using existing practices. The commissioner may establish a nursery production phase-out period for species that will be designated as restricted.

(e) The "specially regulated plants" category includes noxious weeds ~~that may be native species or nonnative species~~ that have ~~demonstrated economic value~~ clearly defined benefits, but also have the potential to cause harm in noncontrolled environments. Plants designated as specially regulated have been determined to pose ecological, economical, or human or animal health concerns. Species-specific management plans or rules that define the use and management requirements for these plants must be developed by the commissioner of agriculture for each plant designated as specially regulated. The commissioner must also take measures to minimize the potential for harm caused by these plants.

(f) The "county noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds that are designated by individual county boards to be enforced as prohibited noxious weeds within the county's jurisdiction and must be approved by the commissioner of agriculture, in consultation with the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee. Each county board must submit newly proposed county noxious weeds to the commissioner of agriculture for review. Approved county noxious weeds ~~shall~~ must also be posted with the county's general weed notice prior to May 15 each year. Counties are solely responsible for developing county noxious weed lists and their enforcement.

Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** The commissioner may designate a specific plant variety, including a cultivated variety, as exempt from subdivision 1 if the commissioner finds that, based on credible and sufficient documentation, the variety is bred for low seeding, the variety is sterile, or, for reasons other than low seeding or sterility, the variety has low invasive potential.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.79, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Authorized agents.** ~~County agricultural inspectors may administer and enforce sections 18.76 to 18.91. A county-designated employee may enforce sections 18.78, 18.82, 18.83, 18.84,~~

~~18.86, and 18.87. A county must make the identity of a county-designated employee described by this subdivision available to the public.~~ County agricultural inspectors, county-designated employees, local weed inspectors, and assistant weed inspectors are authorized agents of the commissioner for their jurisdictions. A county agricultural inspector or a county-designated employee must be responsible for the duties and enforcement of sections 18.78 and 18.81 to 18.87. A county must make the identity of a county agricultural inspector or county-designated employee available to the public. A local weed inspector or the inspector's assistant must be responsible for the duties and enforcement of sections 18.78, subdivision 1; 18.81, subdivision 2; 18.82 to 18.84; 18.86; and, for a municipality, 18.87.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 18.79, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Entry upon land.** To administer and enforce sections 18.76 to 18.91, an inspector or county-designated employee ~~shall~~ must contact a landowner through direct communication prior to entering upon the land for a noxious weed inspection. If a landowner cannot be contacted, an inspector or county-designated employee may enter upon land without consent of the owner and without being subject to an action for trespass or any damages. For the purposes of this subdivision, "direct communication" may include contact with the landowner through an in-person visit, phone call, voice mail, text message, mail, or email. A landowner ~~cannot~~ must not refuse an inspector or county-designated employee ~~having probable cause to conduct an inspection for noxious weeds~~ who has reasonable grounds, as defined in section 18.77, subdivision 18, to believe that noxious weeds may be present on their lands. Within five business days of a completed inspection, the inspector or county-designated employee ~~shall~~ must provide the landowner with a copy of the inspection report, including further actions if applicable.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.81, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Nonperformance by inspectors; reimbursement for expenses.** If local weed inspectors neglect or fail to do their duty as prescribed in this section, the county agricultural inspector or county-designated employee~~, in consultation with the commissioner,~~ may issue a notice to the inspector providing instructions on how and when to do their duty. If, after the time allowed in the notice, the local weed inspector has not complied as directed, the county agricultural inspector or county-designated employee may consult with the ~~commissioner~~ county attorney or county board to perform the duty for the local weed inspector. A claim for the expense of doing the local weed inspector's duty is a legal charge against the municipality in which the inspector has jurisdiction. The county agricultural inspector or county-designated employee overseeing the work may file an itemized statement of costs with the clerk of the municipality in which the work was performed. The municipality ~~shall~~ must immediately issue proper warrants to the county for the work performed. If the municipality fails to issue the warrants, the county auditor may include the amount contained in the itemized statement of costs as part of the next annual tax levy in the municipality and withhold that amount from the municipality in making its next apportionment.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.82, is amended to read:

18.82 TRANSPORTATION OR POSSESSION OF NOXIOUS WEED PROPAGATING PARTS.

Subdivision 1. **Permits required.** Transporting noxious weed propagating parts without a permit on public roads in the state or possessing noxious weed propagating parts in the state without a permit is prohibited, except as provided in section 21.74.

Subd. 1a. **Permits.** (a) If a person wants to transport noxious weed propagating parts ~~along~~ on a public ~~roadway~~ road, including materials or equipment containing the propagating parts of noxious weeds, the person must secure a written permit for transportation from the commissioner, an inspector, or a county-designated employee. Inspectors or county-designated employees may issue permits to persons residing or operating within their jurisdiction. A permit is not required for the transport of noxious weeds for the purpose of destroying propagating parts at an appropriate disposal site. Anyone transporting noxious weed propagating parts for the purpose of disposal at an appropriate disposal site ~~shall~~ must ensure that all materials are contained in a manner that prevents escape during transport and complies with section 115A.931.

(b) A person must obtain a permit from the commissioner before possessing noxious weeds with propagating parts for research, education and outreach, or other reasons approved by the commissioner.

Subd. 2. **Conditions of permit issuance.** ~~The following conditions must be met before a permit under subdivision 1 may be issued:~~ Any person requesting a permit under subdivision 1a must provide the following information in writing to the commissioner, an inspector, or a county-designated employee for a specific jurisdiction before the commissioner, inspector, or county-designated employee issues a permit under this section:

~~(1) any material or equipment containing noxious weed propagating parts that is about to be transported along a public roadway must be in a container that is sufficiently tight and closed or otherwise covered to prevent the blowing or scattering of the material along the highway or on other lands or water;~~

~~(2) the destination for unloading and the use of the material or equipment containing noxious weed propagating parts must be stated on the permit along with the method that will be used to destroy the viability of the propagating parts and thereby prevent the material being dumped or scattered upon land or water; and~~

~~(3) the applicant for a permit for possession of noxious weed propagating parts must agree to follow the guidelines listed on the permit by the inspector.~~

(1) a description of the process that the person will use to ensure that the exterior of any vehicle or equipment being used for transportation is free from noxious weed materials and their propagating parts;

(2) a description of the manner in which the person will securely contain noxious weed materials and their propagating parts to prevent the escape of noxious weed materials and their propagating parts during transport in compliance with section 115A.931;

(3) a description of the specific locations where research will occur and a description of how the location is designed to prevent the escape of noxious weed materials and their propagating parts;

(4) a description of the established processes that the person will use to monitor and protect research locations from the escape of noxious weed materials and their propagating parts during research and after the research has been completed;

(5) a description of the purpose of using noxious weed materials, such as a description of how the noxious weed materials will be used for education and outreach, and how containers holding the materials will be designed to prevent the escape of the noxious weed materials and their propagating parts;

(6) a description of the process for destroying noxious weed materials and their propagating parts after the completion of use according to the permit;

(7) a description of the location where noxious weed materials and their propagating parts will be destroyed after the completion of use according to the permit; and

(8) any specific information required by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Duration of permit; inspection; revocation.** A permit under subdivision ~~1~~ 1a is valid for up to one year after the date it is issued unless otherwise specified by the commissioner, inspector, or county-designated employee issuing the permit. Any person receiving a permit must allow inspection by the issuing authority to ensure that all permit requirements are met. The permit may be revoked if ~~an~~ the commissioner, inspector, or county-designated employee determines that the applicant has not complied with this section.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.83, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Appeal of individual notice; appeal committee.** ~~(1)~~(a) A recipient of an individual notice may appeal, in writing, the order for control or eradication of noxious weeds. This appeal must be filed with a member of the appeal committee in the county where the land is located within two working days of the time the notice is received. The committee must inspect the land specified in the notice and report back to the recipient and the inspector or county-designated employee who issued the notice within five working days, either agreeing with, disagreeing with, or revising the order. The decision may be appealed in district court. If the committee agrees with or revises the order, the control or eradication specified in the order, as approved or revised by the committee, may be carried out.

~~(2)~~ (b) The county board ~~shall~~ must appoint members of the appeal committee. The membership must include a county commissioner or municipal official and a landowner residing in the county. The expenses of the members may be reimbursed by the county upon submission of an itemized statement to the county auditor. At its option, the county board, by resolution, may delegate the duties of the appeal committee to its board of adjustment established pursuant to section 394.27. When carrying out the duties of the appeal committee, the zoning board of adjustment ~~shall~~ must comply with all of the procedural requirements of this section.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.86, is amended to read:

18.86 UNLAWFUL ACTS.

No person may:

(1) hinder or obstruct in any way an inspector or county-designated employee in the performance of duties under sections 18.76 to 18.91 or related rules;

(2) neglect, fail, or refuse to comply with section 18.82 ~~or related rules in the transportation and use of material or equipment infested with noxious weed propagating parts~~;

(3) sell material containing noxious weed propagating parts to a person who does not have a permit to transport that material or to a person who does not have a screenings permit issued in accordance with section 21.74; or

(4) neglect, fail, or refuse to comply with a general notice or an individual notice to control or eradicate noxious weeds.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.91, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Membership.** The commissioner ~~shall~~ must appoint and approve members~~, which shall include~~ who have successfully completed the application process with the secretary of state, including representatives from the following:

(1) the Department of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota;

(2) the Department of Agronomy at the University of Minnesota;

(3) the Department of Forest Resources at the University of Minnesota;

(4) the nursery and landscape industry in Minnesota;

(5) the seed industry in Minnesota;

(6) the Department of Agriculture;

(7) the Department of Natural Resources;

(8) a conservation organization;

(9) an environmental organization;

(10) at least two farm organizations;

(11) the county agricultural inspectors;

(12) city governments;

(13) township governments;

(14) county governments;

(15) the Department of Transportation;

(16) the University of Minnesota Extension;

(17) the timber and forestry industry in Minnesota;

(18) the Board of Water and Soil Resources;

(19) soil and water conservation districts;

(20) the Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners; and

(21) other members as needed.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1d. **Active ingredient.** "Active ingredient" means an ingredient present in a fertilizer, soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance that is a plant nutrient or a soil or plant amending ingredient.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Compost.** "Compost" ~~is a biologically stable material derived from the composting process~~ has the meaning given in section 18C.132, subdivision 1.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

Subd. 6a. **Composting.** "Composting" ~~is the biological decomposition of organic matter. It is accomplished by mixing and piling in such a way as to promote aerobic or anaerobic decay or both. The process inhibits pathogens, viable weed seeds, and odors~~ has the meaning given in section 18C.132, subdivision 2.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 15b. **Inert ingredient.** "Inert ingredient" means an ingredient that is not an active ingredient in a specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 25, is amended to read:

Subd. 25. **Plant amendment.** "Plant amendment" means a substance applied to plants or seeds that is intended to improve germination, growth, yield, product quality, reproduction, flavor, or other desirable characteristics of plants, including beneficial substances and plant biostimulants, except fertilizers, soil amendments, agricultural liming materials, pesticides, and other materials that are exempted by rule.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 25a. **Plant biostimulant.** "Plant biostimulant" means a substance, microorganism, or mixture thereof that, when applied to seeds, plants, the rhizosphere, soil, or other growth media, supports a plant's natural nutrition processes independently of the biostimulant's nutrient content and improves nutrient availability, uptake, or use efficiency; tolerance to abiotic stress; and consequent growth, development, quality, or yield.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 33, is amended to read:

Subd. 33. **Soil amendment.** "Soil amendment" means a substance intended to improve the structural, physical, chemical, biochemical, or biological characteristics of the soil or modify organic matter at or near the soil surface, including beneficial substances, except fertilizers, agricultural liming materials, pesticides, and other materials exempted by the commissioner's rules.

Sec. 22. **[18C.132] COMPOST AND COMPOSTING.**

Subdivision 1. **Compost.** "Compost" is the product manufactured through the controlled aerobic, biological decomposition of biodegradable materials. The product has undergone mesophilic and thermophilic temperatures, which significantly reduces the viability of pathogens and weed seeds and stabilizes the carbon such that it is beneficial to plant growth. Compost is typically used as a soil amendment but may also contribute plant nutrients.

Subd. 2. **Composting.** "Composting" is the biological decomposition of organic matter. Composting is accomplished by mixing and piling in such a way as to promote aerobic or anaerobic decay, or both. Composting is a process that inhibits pathogens, viable weed seeds, and odors.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.211, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Guaranteed analysis of soil or plant amendment or beneficial substance.** The guaranteed analysis of a soil amendment ~~or~~, plant amendment, or beneficial substance must be an accurate statement of composition including the percentages of each active ingredient. If the product is a microbiological product, the number of viable microorganisms per milliliter for a liquid ~~or~~, the number of viable microorganisms per gram, or any other acceptable units for a ~~dry~~ product must also be listed.

Sec. 24. **[18C.217] SOIL AMENDMENT, PLANT AMENDMENT, AND BENEFICIAL SUBSTANCE LABELING.**

(a) A person may not sell or distribute a soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance in bags or other containers in this state unless a label is placed on or affixed to the bag or container stating in a clear, legible, and conspicuous form the following information:

(1) the product name;

(2) the net weight or net volume expressed in imperial and metric measurements;

(3) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;

(4) a statement identifying the purpose of the product;

(5) directions for use; and

(6) the guaranteed analysis of each active ingredient.

(b) If the soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance contains mircroorganisms, the label must include an expiration date and recommended storage conditions.

(c) The label is not required to list inert ingredients.

(d) A person selling or distributing a bulk shipment of soil amendments, plant amendments, or beneficial substances to a singular, end consumer may provide the purchaser with a single printed form with the information required in paragraphs (a) and (b) instead of placing or affixing a label on the bulk bag or container.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.411, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Application.** The application for registration must include:

(1) for specialty fertilizers:

(i) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;

(ii) the brand and grade;

(iii) the guaranteed analysis as required by section 18C.211;

(iv) the sources from which nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, or other elements or materials are derived; and

(v) the amount and formulas of inert ingredients; and

(2) for soil amendments and plant amendments:

(i) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;

(ii) the brand name;

(iii) the sources from which the ingredients used in the product are derived; ~~and~~

(iv) the guaranteed analysis as required by section 18C.211~~.~~; and

(v) a certificate of composition that describes the amount and formulas of each inert ingredient and beneficial substance included in the formula.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 33. **Cell-cultured food.** "Cell-cultured food" has the meaning given in section 34A.01, subdivision 1a.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.12, is amended to read:

31.12 LABELING.

(a) For the purpose of preventing fraud and deception in the manufacture, use, sale, and transportation of food, or for the purpose of protecting and preserving the public health, it shall be the duty of the commissioner, by rulings not inconsistent with law, to require that any article of food, or the package, receptacle, or container thereof, before it be sold, transported, used, offered for sale or transportation, or had in possession with intent to use, sell or transport within this state, shall be labeled, stamped, stenciled, marked, or branded in such manner as to plainly exhibit to the purchaser any or all of the following data or information: The percentages and true composition of

such food article, its quality, strength, quantity, source of its manufacture or production or the person by or for whom the same is manufactured, produced, packed, or shipped. The commissioner shall also have authority to prescribe by such rulings the date on which the same shall take effect and be in force, and also the form, size, style, and wording of, and the place, time, method, means and manner of use of all such labels, stamps, stencils, brands, and markings, which rulings shall be made in the manner provided by law. Until such rulings are made and in effect the rulings heretofore made by the commissioner shall remain in full force and effect, except as otherwise prescribed by law. Any person who shall fail to comply with such ruling or rulings shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) If a product contains cell-cultured food, a statement must be labeled, stamped, stenciled, marked, or branded on the package in such a manner as to plainly exhibit to the purchaser that the food contains cell-cultured food. A person is in violation of this paragraph if the person (1) knowingly sells or offers for sale a product containing cell-cultured food that is not labeled as required, or (2) reasonably should have known that the product contains cell-cultured food based on information provided by the manufacturer, distributor, or supplier.

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.633, is amended to read:

31.633 MEAT OR POULTRY SUBSTITUTES; INDICATION ON MENU~~; PENALTIES~~.

Subdivision 1. ~~**Menu requirement**~~ **Meat or poultry substitutes.** Any restaurant, eating place, or other establishment serving meat or poultry in any form to the public that has any filler or meat or poultry substitute added to it or incorporated in it, shall clearly and prominently indicate on its menu or bill of fare the meat entrees that contain filler or meat or poultry substitutes.

Subd. 3. **Cell-cultured food.** Any restaurant, eating place, or other establishment serving cell-cultured food to the public must clearly and prominently indicate on its menu or bill of fare the menu items that contain cell-cultured food.

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 34A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. **Cell-cultured food.** "Cell-cultured food" means a food grown from animal or plant cells in a controlled environment.

Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 35.155, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Fencing.** Farmed Cervidae must be confined in a manner designed to prevent escape. All perimeter fences for farmed Cervidae must be at least 96 inches in height and be constructed and maintained in a way that prevents the escape of farmed Cervidae~~,~~ or entry into the premises by free-roaming Cervidae~~, and physical contact between farmed Cervidae and free-roaming Cervidae~~. The Board of Animal Health or commissioner of natural resources may determine whether the construction and maintenance of fencing is adequate to prevent ~~physical contact or~~ escape or entry under this subdivision and may compel corrective action when fencing is determined to be inadequate. All new fencing installed and all fencing used to repair deficiencies must be high tensile. All entry areas for farmed Cervidae enclosure areas must have two redundant gates, which must be maintained to prevent the escape of animals through an open gate. If a fence deficiency allows entry or exit by farmed or wild Cervidae, the owner must immediately repair the deficiency. All other deficiencies must be repaired within a reasonable time, as determined by the Board of Animal Health, not to exceed 14 days. If a fence deficiency is detected during an inspection, the facility must be reinspected

at least once in the subsequent three months. The farmed Cervidae owner must pay a reinspection fee equal to one-half the applicable annual inspection fee under subdivision 7a for each reinspection related to a fence violation. If the facility experiences more than one escape incident in any six-month period or fails to correct a deficiency found during an inspection, the board may revoke the facility's registration and order the owner to remove or destroy the animals as directed by the board. If the board revokes a facility's registration, the commissioner of natural resources may seize and destroy animals at the facility.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 604A.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For ~~the~~ purposes of this section, the terms in paragraphs (b) to (g) have the meanings given ~~them~~.

(b) "Agricultural products" means livestock, aquacultural, poultry, horticultural, floricultural, viticultural, silvicultural, or other products of a farm or ranch.

(c) "Agritourism activity" means activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows organizations or members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, charitable, or educational purposes, to view, enjoy, or participate in rural activities, including~~,~~ but not limited to~~:~~ farming; viticulture; winemaking; ranching; off-road vehicle trails; and historical, cultural, farm stay, gleaning, harvest-your-own, or natural activities and attractions. An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant pays to participate in the activity.

(d) "Agritourism professional" means a person who is engaged in providing one or more agritourism activities, whether or not for compensation.

(e) "Farm or ranch" means one or more areas of land used for the production, cultivation, growing, harvesting, or processing of agricultural products.

(f) "Inherent risks of agritourism activity" means dangers or conditions that are an integral part of an agritourism activity including but not limited to:

(1) natural hazards and conditions of land, vegetation, and waters including surface and subsurface conditions;

(2) the behavior of wild or domestic animals; and

(3) ordinary dangers of structures or equipment ordinarily used in farming or ranching operations.

(g) "Participant" means a person, other than an agritourism professional, who engages in an agritourism activity and who has the capacity to understand the inherent risks of agricultural tourism.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to causes of action accruing on or after that date.

Sec. 32. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

(a) The revisor of statutes must renumber the subdivisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 18.77, listed in column A to the references listed in column B. The revisor must make necessary cross-reference changes in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules consistent with the renumbering.

Column A	Column B
subdivision 2a	subdivision 2e
subdivision 2b	subdivision 2f
subdivision 13	subdivision 8b
subdivision 15	subdivision 2d
subdivision 16	subdivision 2c
subdivision 17	subdivision 5b

(b) The revisor of statutes must renumber the subdivisions in Minnesota Statutes, section 18C.005, in alphabetical order and correct all cross-references.

Sec. 33. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, subdivision 14, is repealed.

ARTICLE 2

VETERINARY MEDICINE

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine.** "Accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine" means ~~a~~ any veterinary college, school, or division of a university or college that offers the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine or its equivalent and that conforms to the standards required for accreditation or approval by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. **Accredited program of veterinary technology.** "Accredited program of veterinary technology" means any postsecondary educational program that offers a degree in veterinary technology or its equivalent and is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Animal.** "Animal" ~~does not include poultry~~ means any organism, except humans, that has sensation and the power of voluntary movement and that requires oxygen and organic nutrients.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. **Client.** "Client" means a patient's owner, owner's agent, or other person presenting a patient for care.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Compensation.** "Compensation" includes but is not limited to all fees, monetary rewards, discounts, remunerations, and emoluments received directly or indirectly.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5b. **Consent.** "Consent" means verbal or written permission given by a client for performing an examination, administering a diagnostic test, administering a procedure, or providing treatment to a patient. Consent includes permission that is express or implied from the circumstances.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5c. **Consulting.** "Consulting" means seeking and receiving advice in person, by telephone, electronically, or by any other method of communication from a licensed veterinarian or any other person whose expertise, in the opinion of the person seeking advice, would benefit the management of the case.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5d. **Dispensing.** "Dispensing" means distributing veterinary drugs requiring a prescription for the use of a patient, over-the-counter veterinary drugs for the use of a patient, or human drugs for the extra-label use of a patient by a person licensed as a pharmacist by the Board of Pharmacy or a person licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5e. **Donor.** "Donor" means:

(1) an individual at least 18 years of age if the drug or medical supply that is donated is obtained legally and meets the requirements of section 151.555 for donation; or

(2) any entity legally authorized to possess medicine with a license or permit in good standing in the state in which the entity is located, without further restrictions, including but not limited to a health care facility, skilled nursing facility, assisted living facility, pharmacy, wholesaler, and drug manufacturer.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6b. **Emergency stabilization.** "Emergency stabilization" means care provided to a patient that has a life-threatening condition when immediate treatment is necessary to sustain the patient's life, prevent the deterioration of the patient's bodily functions, or alleviate or end the patient's suffering.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6c. **Extra-label use.** "Extra-label use" means the actual or intended use of a human drug or veterinary drug in the treatment of an animal in a manner that is not in accordance with the drug's labeling.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

Subd. 7a. **Licensed veterinary technician or veterinary technician.** "Licensed veterinary technician" or "veterinary technician" means a person licensed by the board under section 156.077.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7b. **Licensed veterinarian.** "Licensed veterinarian" means any veterinarian who holds an active license from the board under section 156.02 to practice veterinary medicine in the state.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9a. **Patient.** "Patient" means any animal or group of animals receiving veterinary care from a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9b. **Person.** "Person" means any individual; firm; partnership, including a general, limited, or limited liability partnership; association; joint venture; cooperative; corporation; limited liability company; or any other group or combination acting in concert, and whether or not acting as a principal, partner, member, trustee, fiduciary, receiver, or as any other kind of legal or personal representative, or as the successor in interest, assignee, agent, factor, servant, employee, director, officer, or any other representative of the person.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9c. **Physical rehabilitation.** "Physical rehabilitation" means the use of therapeutic exercise and the application of modalities intended to restore or facilitate a patient's movement and physical function impacted by disease, injury, or disability.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 10b, is amended to read:

Subd. 10b. **Remote supervision.** "Remote supervision" means:

(1) a veterinarian is not ~~on the premises~~ available to provide direct supervision but is acquainted with the keeping and care of an animal by virtue of an examination of the animal or medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept; and

(2) the supervising veterinarian has given written or oral instructions to a licensed veterinary technician for ongoing care of an animal and is available by telephone or other form of immediate communication~~; and~~.

~~(3) the employee treating the animal timely enters into the animal's medical record documentation of the treatment provided and the documentation is reviewed by the veterinarian.~~

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10c. **Surgery.** "Surgery" means a treatment that is performed for the purpose of structurally altering a patient through the incision or destruction of tissues in the practice of veterinary medicine.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10d. **Telemedicine.** "Telemedicine" means the practice of veterinary medicine through the use of telecommunications technology that allows a licensed veterinarian with a properly established veterinarian-client-patient relationship to virtually evaluate, virtually diagnose, and virtually treat a patient.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10e. **Teletriage.** "Teletriage" means a safe, appropriate, and timely assessment and management of a patient, including providing first aid or making an immediate referral to a licensed veterinarian, without the need for a veterinarian-client-patient relationship and under uncertain and urgent conditions, by telephone or electronically. Teletriage does not include providing a diagnosis to a patient.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10f. **Veterinarian.** "Veterinarian" means an individual who has received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree or its equivalent from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine or is the holder of an ECFVG or a PAVE certificate.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10g. **Veterinarian-client-patient relationship.** "Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" has the meaning given in section 156.16, subdivision 12.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10h. **Veterinary medical facility.** "Veterinary medical facility" means the premises, office, unit, structure, mobile unit, or area used for the practice of veterinary medicine. Veterinary medical facility does not include the premises of an owner when the owner's animal is treated on the owner's premises.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11a. **Veterinary specialist.** "Veterinary specialist" means a veterinarian who has been awarded and maintains certification from a veterinary specialty organization recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association or other veterinary specialty organization that maintains comparable certification requirements as determined by the board.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11b. **Veterinary Technician National Exam.** "Veterinary Technician National Exam" means the examination administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards to evaluate the competency of entry-level veterinary technicians and veterinary technologists.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11c. **Veterinary technician specialist.** "Veterinary technician specialist" means a veterinary technician or veterinary technologist who has been awarded and maintains certification from a veterinary technician specialty academy recognized by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America or another veterinary technician specialty organization that maintains comparable certification requirements as determined by the board.

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11d. **Veterinary technologist.** "Veterinary technologist" means a person who has earned a baccalaureate degree in veterinary technology from a four-year program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities or the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.01, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Creation; membership.** There is hereby created a state Board of Veterinary Medicine ~~which shall consist~~ that consists of nine board members. Two members must be public members as defined by section 214.02 ~~and five licensed veterinarians~~ appointed by the governor, five members must be licensed veterinarians appointed by the governor, one member must be a licensed veterinary technician appointed by the governor, and one member must be a licensed veterinarian appointed by the governor or a licensed veterinary technician appointed by the governor. Each appointee ~~shall~~ must be a resident of the state of Minnesota, and the veterinarian and veterinary technician members of the board ~~shall~~ must have practiced veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in this state for at least five years prior to their appointment. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements ~~shall~~ must be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision of staff, administrative services and office space; the review and processing of complaints; the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations ~~shall~~ must be as provided in chapter 214.

Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Officers.** The board ~~shall~~ must elect from its number a president and ~~such~~ other officers as are necessary, all from within its membership. One person may hold the offices of both secretary and treasurer. ~~The board shall have a seal and the power to subpoena witnesses, to administer oaths, and take testimony. It shall make, alter, or amend rules that are necessary to carry this chapter into effect. It shall hold examinations for applicants for license to engage in veterinary practice at a time and place of its own choosing. Notice of an examination must be posted 90 days before the date set for the examination in all veterinary schools approved by the board in the state, and must be published in the American Association of Veterinary State Boards "Directory of Veterinary Licensure Requirements." The board may hold other meetings it deems necessary; but no meeting shall exceed three days duration.~~

Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3a. **Duties and authority of the board.** (a) The board may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony.

(b) The board may adopt and amend rules that are necessary to implement this chapter.

(c) The board must administer examinations to applicants for licenses to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology.

(d) The board may hold any meeting that the board deems necessary, except that a meeting held by the board must not exceed three days in duration.

(e) The board must have a seal.

Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 156.015, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **License verification.** The board may charge a fee not to exceed $25 per license verification to a licensee for verification of the person's licensure status provided to ~~other~~ another veterinary licensing ~~boards~~ board.

Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **License application.** (a) An application for a license to practice veterinary medicine in this state ~~shall~~ must be made in writing to the Board of Veterinary Medicine upon a form furnished by the board, accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant is at least 18 years of age, is of good moral character, and has one of the following:

(1) a diploma conferring the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine, or an equivalent degree, from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine;

(2) an ECFVG or a PAVE certificate; or

(3) a certificate from the dean of an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine stating that the applicant is a student in good standing expecting to be graduated at the completion of the current academic year of the college in which the applicant is enrolled.

(b) The application ~~shall~~ must contain the information and material required by subdivision 2 and any other information that the board may, in its sound judgment, require. The application ~~shall~~ must be filed with the board at least 60 days before the date of the examination. If the board deems it advisable, it may require that ~~such~~ the application ~~be~~ is verified by the oath of the applicant.

Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Required with application.** Every application ~~shall~~ must contain ~~the following information and material~~:

(1) the nonrefundable application fee ~~set by the board in the form of a check or money order payable to the board, which fee is not returnable in the event permission to take the examination is denied for good cause~~;

(2) one of the following:

(i) a copy of a diploma from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine ~~or a certificate from the dean or secretary of an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine showing the time spent in the school and the date when the applicant was duly and regularly graduated or will duly and regularly graduate~~;

(ii) an official transcript as proof of the applicant's degree; or ~~verification~~

(iii) if the applicant is a graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine, a certificate of satisfactory completion of the ECFVG or PAVE ~~certification~~ program with a copy of the applicant's diploma and a translation of the diploma if the diploma is not in English; and

~~(3) affidavits of at least two veterinarians and three adults who are not related to the applicant setting forth how long a time, when, and under what circumstances they have known the applicant, and any other facts as may be proper to enable the board to determine the qualifications of the applicant; and~~

~~(4)~~ (3) if the applicant has served in the armed forces, a copy of discharge papers.

Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.03, is amended to read:

156.03 EXAMINATION; PAYMENT.

Upon filing the application and any other papers~~,~~; affidavits, if applicable; or proof that the Board of Veterinary Medicine may require, together with the payment of the application fee and appropriate examination fee as set by the board, the board ~~shall issue~~ must make available to the applicant ~~a permit to take the national examination in veterinary medicine and~~ the online Minnesota ~~Veterinary~~ Jurisprudence ~~Examination~~ Exam. All applicants must be evaluated using an examination prescribed by the board. A passing score for the ~~national examination~~ North American Veterinary Licensing Examination must be the criterion referenced passing score as determined by the ~~National Board Examination Committee~~ International Council for Veterinary Assessment.

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.04, is amended to read:

156.04 BOARD TO ISSUE LICENSE.

The Board of Veterinary Medicine ~~shall~~ must issue a license to practice veterinary medicine to every applicant who:

(1) has successfully passed the required examination~~, who~~; and

(2) either:

(i) has received a diploma conferring the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine or an equivalent degree from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine; or

(ii) has an ECFVG or a PAVE certificate~~, and who shall have been adjudged to be duly qualified to practice veterinary medicine, a license to practice~~.

Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.05, is amended to read:

156.05 LICENSE.

The license ~~shall~~ must be subscribed by the president and secretary of the Board of Veterinary Medicine and have affixed to it by the executive director the seal of the board. Upon the board's request, a person licensed under this chapter must produce a copy of the person's license within seven days of receiving the request.

Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.06, is amended to read:

156.06 LICENSE RECORDED.

The license, before issued, ~~shall~~ must be recorded in a ~~book or computer~~ database to be kept ~~in the office which~~ by the Board of Veterinary Medicine ~~shall establish~~ for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter. ~~These~~ The records ~~shall~~ kept under this section must be available for public inspection with proper restrictions as to their preservation as provided in section 13.41.

Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.07, is amended to read:

156.07 LICENSE RENEWAL.

~~Persons licensed under this chapter shall conspicuously display their license in their principal place of business.~~

(a) Persons now licensed in this state, or who ~~shall~~ are hereafter ~~be~~ licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine as veterinarians or veterinary technicians, ~~shall~~ must periodically renew their license in a manner prescribed by the board. The board ~~shall~~ must establish license renewal fees and continuing education requirements. The board may establish, by rule, an inactive license category, at a lower fee, for licensees not actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology within the state of Minnesota. The board may assess a charge for delinquent payment of a renewal fee.

(b) Any person who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in this state pursuant to this chapter~~, shall be~~ is entitled to receive a license to continue to practice upon making application to the board and complying with the terms of this section and rules of the board.

Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.071, is amended to read:

156.071 REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an expired license~~, which~~ that is suspended by the board pursuant to section 156.07~~,~~ may be reinstated at any time within five years after its suspension on filing an application with the board and by payment of the renewal fee in effect on the last preceding regular renewal date, plus all back fees, late fees, and reinstatement fees. In addition, satisfactory evidence of meeting yearly continuing education requirements must be furnished to the board.

(b) A person who fails to renew a license within five years after its suspension may not renew it, and it ~~shall~~ must not be restored, reissued, or reinstated thereafter, ~~but such~~ except the person may apply for and obtain a new license on complying with the following conditions:

(1) the person is of good moral character;

(2) no fact, circumstance, or condition exists ~~which~~ that, if the license were issued, would justify ~~its~~ the revocation or suspension of the license according to section 156.081, subdivision 2;

(3) the person takes and passes ~~the~~ all examinations~~, if any, which would be required if the person were then applying for a license for the first time, or otherwise establishes to the satisfaction of the board that, with due regard for the public interest the person is qualified to practice veterinary medicine~~ required for an application for an initial license; and

(4) the person pays all ~~of the~~ applicable fees ~~that would be~~ required ~~if the person were then applying for the license for the first time~~ by the board.

Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.072, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Application.** A doctor of veterinary medicine duly admitted to practice in any state, commonwealth, territory, or district of the United States or province of Canada desiring permission to practice veterinary medicine in this state shall submit an application to the board upon forms prescribed by the board. ~~Upon proof of licensure to practice in any United States or Canadian jurisdiction and having been actively engaged in practicing veterinary medicine therein, for at least three of the five years next preceding the application, or having been engaged in full time teaching of veterinary medicine in an approved or accredited college for at least three of the five years next preceding the application, or any combination thereof, the national examination in veterinary medicine may be waived, upon the recommendation of the board, and the applicant be admitted to practice without examination. However, the board may impose any other examinations it considers proper.~~

Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.072, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Required with application.** ~~Such doctor of veterinary medicine shall accompany the application by the following~~ An applicant for a license to practice veterinary medicine in the state must provide the following to the board:

(1) either:

(i) a copy of a diploma from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine ~~or certification from the dean, registrar, or secretary of an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine attesting to the applicant's graduation from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine,~~; or

(ii) a copy of a diploma from a foreign college of veterinary medicine, a translation of the diploma if the diploma is not in English, and a certificate of satisfactory completion of the ECFVG or PAVE program;

~~(2) affidavits of two licensed practicing doctors of veterinary medicine residing in the United States or Canadian licensing jurisdiction in which the applicant is currently practicing, attesting that they are well acquainted with the applicant, that the applicant is a person of good moral character, and has been actively engaged in practicing or teaching in such jurisdiction for the period above prescribed;~~

(2) a copy of the applicant's valid unrestricted license to practice veterinary medicine in good standing from a state or territory in the United States or Canada;

(3) a certificate from the regulatory agency having jurisdiction over the conduct of practice of veterinary medicine that such applicant is in good standing and is not the subject of disciplinary action or pending disciplinary action;

(4) a certificate from all other jurisdictions in which the applicant holds a currently active license or held a license within the past ten years, stating that the applicant is and was in good standing and has not been subject to disciplinary action;

(5) in lieu of clauses (3) and (4), certification from the Veterinary Information Verification Agency that the applicant's licensure is in good standing;

(6) a nonrefundable fee ~~as set by the board in form of check or money order payable to the board, no part of which shall be refunded should the application be denied~~;

(7) score reports on previously taken national examinations in veterinary medicine, certified by the Veterinary Information Verification Agency~~; and~~ unless the board has waived this requirement because the applicant's current American Association of Veterinary State Boards licensing jurisdiction officially reported North American Veterinary Licensing Examination scores to the board;

(8) if requesting waiver of examination, provide evidence of meeting licensure requirements in the state of the applicant's original licensure that were substantially equal to the requirements for licensure in Minnesota in existence at that time~~.~~;

(9) proof that the applicant received a passing score on the Minnesota Veterinarian Jurisprudence Examination; and

(10) a completed criminal background check.

Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.076, is amended to read:

156.076 DIRECT SUPERVISION; UNLICENSED VETERINARY EMPLOYEES.

(a) An unlicensed veterinary employee may only administer medication or render auxiliary or supporting assistance under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician.

(b) This section does not prohibit:

(1) the performance of generalized nursing tasks ordered by the veterinarian and performed by an unlicensed employee on inpatient animals during the hours when a veterinarian is not on the premises; ~~or~~

(2) the performance of commonly accepted livestock management practices under remote supervision; or

(3) under emergency conditions, an unlicensed employee from rendering lifesaving aid and treatment to an animal in the absence of a veterinarian if the animal is in a life-threatening condition and requires immediate treatment to sustain life or prevent further injury.

Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.077, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Required with application.** A completed application must contain the following information and material:

(1) the application fee set by the board, which is not refundable if permission to take the jurisprudence examination is denied for good cause;

(2) proof of graduation from a veterinary technology program accredited or approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association or Canadian Veterinary Medical Association; and

~~(3) affidavits from at least two licensed veterinarians and three adults who are not related to the applicant that establish how long, when, and under what circumstances the references have known the applicant and any other facts that may enable the board to determine the applicant's qualifications; and~~

~~(4)~~ (3) if the applicant has served in the armed forces, a copy of the applicant's discharge papers.

Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.077, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. **Pharmaceutical services.** (a) A licensed veterinary technician must:

(1) ensure that a prescription drug or prescription biologic is properly administered to a patient; or

(2) provide instructions to a client on the proper administration of a drug or biologic to a patient if the licensed veterinary technician will not be administering or supervising the administration of the drug to the patient.

(b) A veterinary technician must store and dispense drugs and biologics to clients according to section 151.35 and The United States Pharmacopeia and the National Formulary, 1990 edition, published by the United States Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc., Rockville, Maryland.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.077, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. **Record keeping.** (a) A licensed veterinary technician working under a veterinarian's direct or remote supervision on a patient, group of patients, herd, or flock, regardless of whether the patient, group, herd, or flock is in the veterinarian's custody at a veterinary facility or on the owner's or caretaker's premises, must prepare a written medical record or electronic medical record regarding the patient, group, herd, or flock that contains, at a minimum:

(1) the owner's name, address, and telephone number;

(2) if applicable, the identity of the patient, including the patient's name, age, sex, and breed;

(3) the dates of examination, treatment, and surgery;

(4) a brief history of the condition of the patient, group of patients, herd, or flock;

(5) examination findings;

(6) laboratory and radiographic reports;

(7) the veterinarian's tentative diagnosis;

(8) the veterinarian's treatment plan; and

(9) the veterinarian's prescribed medication and treatment, including the dosage and frequency of any prescribed medication.

(b) A licensed veterinary technician must maintain an individual written medical record or electronic medical record for each patient, except a licensed veterinary technician may maintain one medical record for a group of patients if:

(1) the patients are livestock as defined in section 17A.03, subdivision 5; horses; or a litter of animals; and

(2) the record contains the information required in paragraph (a).

(c) Within two weeks of receiving a written request for records, a veterinary technician under the direct or remote supervision of a veterinarian must release a patient's medical records or an accurate summary of the patient's medical records to the owner or owner's authorized agent, including the board. A supervising veterinarian may charge a reasonable fee for copying or preparing a summary of records, except in the case of a board investigation of a possible violation of section 156.081 or other statute or rule that the board is authorized to enforce.

(d) A radiograph must be permanently identified. A licensed veterinary technician must only release a radiograph upon the written request of a veterinarian who has the written authorization of the owner of the patient to whom the radiograph pertains. The owner must return a radiograph within a reasonable time to the veterinary practice that originally prepared the radiograph.

(e) A licensed veterinary technician must keep medical records private and must not release medical records to third parties unless authorized by the client or required by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.077, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Humane care.** A licensed veterinary technician must treat animals entrusted by a client to the supervising veterinarian consistent with prevailing professional standards of humane treatment and care.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.077, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. **Continuing education.** (a) A licensed veterinary technician must complete at least 16 hours of continuing education credits during each biennial licensing period. Of those 16 hours, at least 12 hours of continuing education credits must be in a medical category.

(b) Upon submitting an application to the board for the renewal of a license to practice veterinary technology, an applicant must provide documentation to the board that the applicant completed at least 16 continuing education credit hours according to paragraph (a).

(c) A licensed veterinary technician must not carry forward excess continuing credit hours into the next licensing period.

(d) A licensed veterinary technician must take additional continuing education required by the board if, in the course of a disciplinary proceeding, the board determines that remedial education in a specific subject area is necessary.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.078, is amended to read:

156.078 NONRESIDENTS; LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.

A credentialed veterinary technician duly admitted to practice in any state, commonwealth, territory, or district of the United States or province of Canada who desires permission to practice veterinary technology in ~~this state shall~~ Minnesota must submit an application to the board on a form furnished by the board. The board ~~shall~~ must review an application for transfer if the applicant submits:

(1) a copy of a diploma from an accredited or approved college of veterinary technology ~~or certification from the dean, registrar, or secretary of an accredited or approved college of veterinary technology~~ or a certificate of satisfactory completion of the PAVE program;

(2) ~~if requesting waiver of examination, evidence of meeting licensure requirements in the state of the applicant's original licensure;~~

~~(3) affidavits of two licensed practicing doctors of veterinary medicine or veterinary technicians residing in the United States or Canadian licensing jurisdiction in which the applicant is or was most recently practicing, attesting that they are well acquainted with the applicant, that the applicant is a person of good moral character, and that the applicant has been actively engaged in practicing or teaching in such jurisdiction;~~ a copy of the applicant's valid unrestricted license in good standing to practice veterinary technology from a state or territory in the United States or Canada;

~~(4)~~ (3) a certificate from the agency that regulates the conduct of practice of veterinary technology in the jurisdiction in which the applicant is or was most recently practicing, stating that the applicant is in good standing and is not the subject of disciplinary action or pending disciplinary action;

~~(5)~~ (4) a certificate from all other jurisdictions in which the applicant holds a currently active license or held a license within the past ten years, stating that the applicant is and was in good standing and has not been subject to disciplinary action;

~~(6)~~ (5) in lieu of the certificates in clauses (3) and (4) ~~and (5)~~, certification from the Veterinary Information Verification Agency that the applicant's licensure is in good standing;

~~(7) a fee as set by the board in form of check or money order~~ (6) a nonrefundable application fee payable to the board, no part of which ~~shall be refunded should~~ the board may refund if the application ~~be~~ is denied;

~~(8)~~ (7) score reports on previously taken national examinations in veterinary technology, certified by the Veterinary Information Verification Agency ~~or evidence of employment as a veterinary technician for at least three years~~, unless the board has waived this requirement because the applicant's current AAVSB licensing jurisdiction officially reported VTNE scores to the board;

~~(9)~~ (8) proof that the applicant received a passing score for the Minnesota Veterinary Technician Jurisprudence Examination; and

~~(10)~~ (9) proof of a completed criminal background check.

Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.081, is amended to read:

156.081 REVOCATION; SUSPENSION.

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** The board may limit, suspend, or revoke the license of any person to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in this state for any of the causes provided in this section. The executive director, in all cases of disciplined licenses, ~~shall~~ must enter on the register the fact of the disciplinary action, as the case may be. The record of ~~such~~ disciplinary action made by the executive director ~~shall be~~ is prima facie evidence of the fact thereof, and of the regularity of all the proceedings of the board in the matter of the disciplinary action.

Subd. 2. **Causes.** (a) The board may revoke, suspend, or impose limitations upon a license to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology for any of the following causes:

(1) the employment of fraud, misrepresentation or deception in obtaining ~~such~~ a license to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology;

(2) being convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor, including a finding or verdict of guilt, whether or not the adjudication of guilt is withheld or not entered, an admission of guilt, or a no contest plea, as evidenced by a certified copy of the conviction;

~~(3) being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or any other materials, or as a result of any mental or physical condition;~~

(3) having an impairment that prevents a licensee from practicing veterinary medicine or veterinary technology with reasonable skill, competence, and safety to the public;

(4) existence of a professional connection with or the lending of one's name to any illegal practitioner of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology;

(5) having been the subject of revocation, suspension, or surrender of a ~~veterinary~~ license to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in resolution of a complaint or other adverse action related to licensure in another jurisdiction or country;

(6) violating a state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law irrespective of any proceedings under section 152.18 or federal law;

(7) fraudulently conducting or reporting results of physical examinations or biological tests used to detect and prevent the dissemination of animal diseases, transportation of diseased animals, or distribution of contaminated, infected, or inedible animal products, or failing to report, as required by law, any contagious or infectious disease;

(8) engaging in false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading advertising;

(9) conviction on a charge of cruelty to animals;

(10) failure, after written notification by the board, to keep one's premises and all equipment therein in a clean and sanitary condition, according to reasonable standards adopted by the board;

(11) fraud, deception, or incompetence in the practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology, including any departure from or failure to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing practice ~~without actual injury having to be established;~~ irrespective of whether there has been demonstrable injury or any sustained injury;

(12) engaging in unprofessional conduct as defined in rules adopted by the board or engaging in conduct ~~which~~ that violates any state or federal statute or rule promulgated by the board ~~or~~; any board order; or any state or federal order relating to the practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology;

(13) being adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction, within or without this state, as a person who is incapacitated, mentally incompetent or mentally ill, chemically dependent, mentally ill and dangerous to the public, or a psychopathic personality;

(14) revealing a privileged communication from or relating to a client except when otherwise required or permitted by law;

(15) obtaining money, property, or services from a client through the use of undue influence, harassment, duress, deception, or fraud or through the improper use of the regulated individual's position as a professional;

(16) practicing outside the scope of practice authorized by ~~the board's practice act~~ this chapter or Minnesota Rules, chapter 9100; or

(17) making a false statement or misrepresentation to the board.

(b) The board may limit, suspend, or revoke a license to practice veterinary technology for any of the following causes:

(1) practicing veterinary medicine by diagnosing a patient, prescribing drugs, performing surgery, or giving a prognosis for a patient;

(2) failing to meet the requirements of section 156.077;

(3) engaging in actions or activities that create unnecessary danger to a patient's life, health, or safety;

(4) making a claim that the licensee has performed or charged a fee for an act or treatment that the licensee did not perform;

(5) publicly asserting or implying that the licensee has professional superiority in the practice of veterinary technology that cannot be substantiated;

(6) practicing veterinary technology under a false or assumed name;

(7) impersonating another licensed veterinary technician;

(8) practicing veterinary technology while holding an expired, terminated, or suspended license to practice veterinary technology;

(9) failing to provide information to the board within 30 days of receiving a written request from the board pursuant to an investigation by the board or on behalf of the board;

(10) promoting, aiding, abetting, or permitting the practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology by an unlicensed individual;

(11) being convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor, including a finding or verdict of guilt, whether or not the adjudication of guilt is withheld or not entered, an admission of guilt, or a no contest plea, as evidenced by a certified copy of the conviction;

(12) using, misusing, or selling a controlled drug listed in chapter 152 or the federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970, United States Code, title 21, section 812;

(13) violating or failing to comply with state or federal law or regulations relating to storing, labeling, or dispensing controlled substances;

(14) promoting, selling, or using a product for treatment of an animal that is outdated, damaged, misbranded, or adulterated;

(15) refusing to allow the board or the board's agent to inspect a veterinary facility during reasonable hours pursuant to an investigation by or on behalf of the board;

(16) performing unnecessary, unethical, or unauthorized treatment of a patient;

(17) having a conflict of interest unless the licensee fully discloses the licensee's conflict of interest to the client;

(18) surreptitiously obtaining through theft, unauthorized copying, duplicating, or other means client lists, mailing lists, medical records, or computer records that are the property of a veterinarian, veterinary partnership, or professional veterinary corporation;

(19) failing to report to the board any disciplinary action taken against the licensee's license to practice veterinary technology in another jurisdiction;

(20) failing to meet continuing education requirements for biennial license renewal;

(21) failing to submit adequate proof of continuing education attendance within 30 days of a board request; or

(22) falsifying continuing education attendance documentation.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Practice.** (a) The practice of veterinary medicine~~, as used in this chapter, shall mean the diagnosis, treatment, correction, relief, or prevention of animal disease, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental conditions; the performance of obstetrical procedures for animals, including determination of pregnancy and correction of sterility or infertility; and the rendering of advice or recommendations with regard to any of the above. The practice of veterinary medicine shall include but not be limited to the prescription or administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique. The practice shall not be construed to include the dehorning of cattle and goats or the castration of cattle, swine, goats, and sheep, or the docking of sheep.~~ includes:

(1) the diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, correction, relief, or prevention of animal disease, pain, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical, behavioral, dental, or mental conditions, including but not limited to performing medical, dental, or surgical procedures;

(2) using any procedure for reproductive management, including but not limited to the diagnosis or treatment of pregnancy, fertility, sterility, infertility, or obstetrical procedures;

(3) prescribing, dispensing, or administering a drug, a medicine, a biologic, an appliance, an apparatus, an application, an anesthetic, or a treatment; and

(4) determining the health, fitness, or soundness of an animal.

(b) The practice of veterinary medicine includes the use of complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies. Complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies include but are not limited to veterinary acupuncture, acutherapy, and acupressure; veterinary homeopathy; veterinary manual or manipulative therapy, including therapies based on techniques practiced in osteopathy, chiropractic medicine, or physical rehabilitation and therapy; veterinary nutraceutical therapy; and veterinary phytotherapy.

(c) A veterinarian-client-patient relationship between a licensed veterinarian and a patient must be established before the licensed veterinarian engages in the practice of veterinary medicine, except that a licensed veterinarian may provide emergency stabilization or teletriage to a patient without having established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the patient.

Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Authorized activities.** No provision of this chapter ~~shall~~ may be construed to prohibit:

~~(a)~~ (1) a person from ~~rendering necessary gratuitous assistance in the treatment of any animal when the assistance does not amount to prescribing, testing for, or diagnosing, operating, or vaccinating and when the attendance of a licensed veterinarian cannot be procured~~ providing immediate care to a patient in the event of an emergency situation or accident;

~~(b)~~ (2) while under the direct supervision or remote supervision of a licensed veterinarian, a licensed veterinary technician or a veterinary assistant from providing emergency stabilization to a patient with the consent of the client if immediate access to a licensed veterinarian is delayed;

(3) a licensed veterinarian or, while under the direct or remote supervision of a licensed veterinarian, a veterinary technician or a veterinary assistant from providing emergency teletriage, including poison control services, to an animal patient if immediate action is necessary;

(4) any person from providing advice or performing actions that the board has designated by rule as accepted livestock management practices;

(5) a person who is a regular student in an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine from performing duties or actions assigned by instructors or preceptors or working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian;

~~(c) a veterinarian regularly licensed in another jurisdiction from consulting with~~ (6) any person from providing a consultation to a licensed veterinarian in ~~this~~ the state~~;~~ on the care and management of a patient only if:

(i) the service provided by the person is limited to a consultation; and

(ii) the licensed veterinarian receiving the consultation maintains the veterinarian-client-patient relationship;

(7) any veterinarian employed by an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine from providing assistance requested by a licensed veterinarian with consent from the client and acting under the direct supervision or remote supervision of the licensed veterinarian who requested assistance. The licensed veterinarian requesting assistance must maintain responsibility for a veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the patient;

~~(d)~~ (8) the owner of an animal and the owner's regular employee from caring for, treating, and administering drugs prescribed by a licensed veterinarian to the animal belonging to the owner, except where the ownership of the animal was transferred for purposes of circumventing this chapter. When caring for, treating, or administering drugs to an animal, the animal's owner and the owner's regular employee must comply with all laws, rules, and regulations related to the use of medicines and biologics;

~~(e)~~ (9) veterinarians who are in compliance with section 156.0721 and who are employed by the University of Minnesota from performing their duties with the College of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Agricultural Experiment Station, Agricultural Extension Service, Medical School, School of Public Health, School of Nursing, or other unit within the university; or a person from lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at the university or in connection with a continuing education course or seminar to veterinarians;

~~(f)~~ (10) any person from selling or applying any pesticide, insecticide or herbicide;

~~(g)~~ (11) any person from engaging in ~~bona fide~~ scientific research ~~or investigations which~~ that reasonably requires experimentation involving animals and is conducted in a facility that complies with local and federal law, rules, and regulations;

~~(h)~~ (12) any employee of a licensed veterinarian from performing duties other than diagnosis, prescription or surgical correction under the direction and supervision of the veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician, who ~~shall be~~ is responsible for the performance of the employee;

~~(i)~~ (13) a graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine from working under the direct personal instruction, control, or supervision of a veterinarian faculty member of the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota in order to complete the requirements necessary to obtain an ECFVG or a PAVE certificate;

~~(j)~~ (14) a licensed chiropractor registered under section 148.01, subdivision 1a, from practicing animal chiropractic; ~~or~~

~~(k)~~ (15) a person certified by the director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services under chapter 144E from providing emergency medical care to a police dog wounded in the line of duty~~.~~;

(16) any employee of the federal, state, or local government from performing the employee's official duties;

(17) any licensed individual with a licensed or regulated profession in the state from providing assistance requested by a licensed veterinarian from acting with the client's consent and acting under the direct or remote supervision of the licensed veterinarian. The licensed veterinarian providing direct or remote supervision must maintain responsibility for the veterinarian-client-patient relationship;

(18) any pharmacist, merchant, or manufacturer at the pharmacist's, merchant's, or manufacturer's regular place of business from selling over-the-counter medicine, feed, appliances, or other products used in the prevention or treatment of animal diseases;

(19) any person from providing training for animals, except that the person must not diagnose, prescribe, or dispense any therapeutic drugs without a license required by the board;

(20) a veterinarian who is licensed in another state or a veterinary technician or veterinary technologist who has credentials in another state from practicing veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in Minnesota during an emergency or a natural disaster, within the scope and location of assigned veterinary medical or veterinary technological duties of the response efforts without passing written examinations or other qualifications, if:

(i) an official declaration of the disaster or emergency has been made by the governor or the delegated state official; and

(ii) the veterinarian, veterinary technician, or veterinary technologist has received an official invitation for a specified time by the authority with jurisdiction over coordinating animal or agricultural issues during disasters or emergencies in the state according to section 192.89; or

(21) any person from lawfully providing care and rehabilitation to wildlife species according to Minnesota Rules, part 6244.0400.

Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.121, is amended to read:

156.121 FACILITY INSPECTION.

(a) The executive director, or an authorized representative of the board may, in response to a complaint, inspect a facility in which veterinary medicine is practiced, at any time during which the facility is open for business, to ensure compliance with the requirements of this chapter and the regulations of the board.

(b) A licensed veterinarian must allow authorized representatives of the board to:

(1) enter premises where veterinary drugs are held for distribution in the state at reasonable times, within reasonable limits, and in a reasonable manner;

(2) inspect records, equipment, materials, containers, and facilities to determine whether veterinary drugs comply with this chapter; and

(3) collect samples.

Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.16, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Food-producing ~~animals~~ animal.** "Food-producing ~~animals~~ animal" means ~~livestock or poultry~~ any animal raised ~~commercially~~ for human consumption or for producing food products or byproducts for food.

Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.16, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **Veterinarian-client-patient relationship.** "Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means a relationship in which the conditions in paragraphs (a) to ~~(d)~~ (e) have been met.

(a) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment, and the client has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian.

(b) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general, preliminary, or tentative diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal. The veterinarian must be acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal by virtue of an examination of the animal or medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept.

(c) The veterinarian is available for consultation in case of adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy.

(d) The veterinarian maintains records documenting patient visits, diagnosis, treatments, and drugs prescribed, dispensed, or administered, and other relevant information.

(e) The patient has visited or been examined by the veterinarian at least once every 12 months.

Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.16, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

Subd. 14. **Veterinary prescription drug.** "Veterinary prescription drug" means:

~~(1) a drug that is not safe for animal use except under the supervision of a veterinarian, and that is required by federal law to bear the following statement: "Caution: federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian";~~

~~(2)~~ (1) a drug that ~~is required by state law to~~ may not be dispensed ~~only on order or~~ without a prescription of a licensed veterinarian; and

~~(3) the extra-label use of an over-the-counter animal drug or human drugs; and~~

~~(4) a medicament compounded by mixing two or more legally obtained over-the-counter or prescription drugs.~~

(2) a drug with the following statement on the drug's label: "Caution: federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian."

Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.18, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Prescription.** (a) A person may not dispense a veterinary prescription drug to a client without a prescription or other veterinary authorization. A person may not make extra-label use of an animal or human drug for an animal without a prescription from a veterinarian. A veterinarian or the veterinarian's authorized employee may dispense veterinary prescription drugs, human drugs for extra-label use, or an over-the-counter animal drug for extra-label use by a client without a separate written prescription, providing there is documentation of the prescription in the medical record and there is an existing veterinarian-client-patient relationship. The prescribing veterinarian must monitor the use of veterinary prescription drugs, human drugs for extra-label use, or over-the-counter animal drugs for extra-label use by a client.

(b) A veterinarian may dispense prescription veterinary drugs and prescribe and dispense extra-label use drugs to a client ~~without personally examining the animal~~ if a bona fide veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists ~~and~~, in the judgment of the veterinarian the client has sufficient knowledge to use the drugs properly, and the drugs are used in accordance with federal regulations.

(c) A licensed veterinarian may dispense a veterinary prescription drug without establishing a veterinarian-client-patient relationship if:

(1) the drug is prescribed by a licensed veterinarian or by a veterinarian licensed in another jurisdiction who has established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship;

(2) the prescribing veterinarian has an inadequate supply of the drug, failure to dispense the drug would interrupt a therapeutic regimen, or failure to dispense the drug would cause an animal to suffer;

(3) the dispensing veterinarian makes a reasonable attempt to verify the prescription with the prescribing veterinarian;

(4) dispensing drugs without establishing a veterinarian-client-patient relationship constitutes less than ten percent of total drugs dispensed during the year;

(5) the drug is necessary to facilitate the safe examination of a patient; or

(6) the drug is necessary to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

(d) A veterinarian may issue a prescription or other veterinary authorization by oral or written communication to the dispenser, or by computer connection. If the communication is oral, the veterinarian must enter it into the patient's record. The dispenser must record the veterinarian's prescription or other veterinary authorization within 72 hours.

~~(d)~~ (e) A prescription or other veterinary authorization must include:

(1) the name, address, and, if written, the signature of the prescriber;

(2) the name and address of the client;

(3) identification of the species and patient for which the drug is prescribed or ordered;

(4) the name, strength, and quantity of the drug;

(5) the date of issue;

(6) directions for use;

(7) the withdrawal time, if applicable;

(8) expiration date of prescription; and

(9) number of authorized refills.

~~(e)~~ (f) A veterinarian may, in the course of professional practice and an existing veterinarian-client-patient relationship, prepare medicaments that combine drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and other legally obtained ingredients with appropriate vehicles, as long as the medicaments conform with federal regulations.

~~(f)~~ (g) A veterinarian or a bona fide employee of a veterinarian may dispense veterinary prescription drugs to a person on the basis of a prescription issued by a licensed veterinarian. The provisions of paragraphs ~~(c) and~~ (d) and (e) apply.

~~(g)~~ (h) This section does not limit the authority of the Minnesota Racing Commission to regulate veterinarians providing services at a licensed racetrack.

Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Label of dispensed veterinary drugs.** (a) A veterinarian or the veterinarian's authorized agent or employee dispensing a veterinary prescription drug, an over-the-counter animal drug for extra-label use by an animal, or a human drug for extra-label use by an animal must provide written information ~~which~~ that includes:

(1) the name and address of the veterinarian~~,~~;

(2) date of filling~~,~~ the prescription;

(3) species and name of the patient~~,~~;

(4) the name ~~or names~~ of the drug~~,~~;

(5) the strength of the drug ~~or drugs,~~;

(6) directions for the drug's use~~,~~;

(7) the withdrawal time, ~~and~~ if applicable;

(8) cautionary statements, if any, appropriate for the drug~~.~~; and

(9) the name and address of the dispensing pharmacy, if applicable.

(b) If the ~~veterinary~~ drug has been prepared, mixed, formulated, or packaged by the dispenser, all of the information required in paragraph (a) must be provided on a label affixed to the container.

(c) If the ~~veterinary~~ drug is in the manufacturer's original package, the information required in paragraph (a) must be ~~supplied in writing but need not be~~ on a label affixed to the container by the manufacturer or a licensed veterinarian. Information required in paragraph (a) that is provided by the manufacturer on the original package does not need to be repeated in the separate written information. Written information required by this paragraph may be written on the sales invoice.

Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.18, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Record keeping.** Records required by this section must be kept for at least two years after dispensing of the drug has been completed, unless otherwise specified by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.19, is amended to read:

156.19 EXTRA-LABEL USE.

A person, other than a veterinarian or an employee of a veterinarian, must not make extra-label use of a veterinary drug in or on a food-producing animal, unless permitted by the prescription of a veterinarian. A veterinarian may prescribe the extra-label use of a drug if:

(1) the veterinarian makes a careful medical diagnosis within the context of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship;

(2) the veterinarian determines that there is no marketed drug specifically labeled to treat the condition diagnosed, or that drug therapy as recommended by the labeling has, in the judgment of the attending veterinarian, been found to be clinically ineffective;

(3) the veterinarian recommends procedures to ensure that the identity of the treated animal will be carefully maintained;

(4) the veterinarian ~~prescribes a significantly extended time period for drug withdrawal before marketing meat, milk, or eggs~~ takes appropriate measures to ensure that the time frames for withdrawals are met and no illegal drug residues occur in any food-producing animal subjected to extra-label treatment; and

(5) the veterinarian has met the criteria established in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, part 530, which define the extra-label use of medication in or on animals.

Sec. 61. **[156.191] VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVES; VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE DRUGS.**

(a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Veterinary feed directive" means a written statement issued by a licensed veterinarian in the course of the veterinarian's professional practice that orders the use of a VFD drug or combination VFD drug in or on an animal feed. A VFD authorizes a client to obtain and use animal feed bearing or containing a VFD drug or combination VFD drug to treat the client's animals only in accordance with the conditions for use approved, conditionally approved, or indexed by the Food and Drug Administration.

(c) "Veterinary feed directive drug" or "VFD drug" means a drug intended for use in or on animal feed, which is limited by an approved application filed pursuant to section 512(b) of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938; a conditionally approved application filed pursuant to section 571 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938; or an index listing under section 572 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938 to use under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Use of animal feed bearing or containing a VFD drug must be authorized by a lawful VFD.

(d) A licensed veterinarian is required to comply with the most recent regulations issued under the federal Animal Drug Availability Act of 1996.

Sec. 62. **[156.21] DRUG DONATION FOR USE BY ANIMALS.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an owner or a legal caretaker of an animal may donate a drug that is dispensed for the animal that will not be used by the animal to a licensed veterinarian at a veterinary medical facility if the veterinarian or veterinary medical facility accepts the drug.

(b) A licensed veterinarian or a veterinary medical facility may accept and reissue a drug donated pursuant to this section if:

(1) the drug has not expired;

(2) the licensed veterinarian or staff person at the veterinary medical facility who accepts the donation does not have any reason to believe that the drug has been adulterated;

(3) the drug is not a controlled substance; and

(4) the drug is not a compounded drug.

(c) A licensed veterinarian or a veterinary medical facility must not resell a drug donated under this section.

(d) A licensed veterinarian or a veterinary medical facility may reissue a drug donated under this section without charging a fee to:

(1) another client of the veterinarian or a veterinary medical facility that would benefit from receiving the medication;

(2) a nonprofit animal shelter; or

(3) a pound as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 1721.0490, subpart 9.

Sec. 63. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 156.001, subdivision 9; 156.01, subdivision 2; 156.02, subdivision 3; 156.072, subdivision 3; 156.073; 156.16, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 11; and 156.20, are repealed."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying agriculture policy provisions; defining cell-cultured food; requiring food labels to identify a product containing cell-cultured food; defining agrivoltaics system; modifying noxious weed provisions; modifying Cervidae farm fencing requirements; modifying immunity for agritourism related to off-road vehicle trails; modifying plant and soil amendment requirements; modifying provisions relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 17.81, by adding a subdivision; 18.77, subdivision 12, by adding subdivisions; 18.771; 18.79, subdivision 2; 18.81, subdivision 3; 18.82; 18.83, subdivision 3; 18.86; 18.91, subdivision 2; 18C.005, subdivisions 6, 6a, 25, 33, by adding subdivisions; 18C.211, subdivision 4; 18C.411, subdivision 2; 31.01, by adding a subdivision; 31.12; 31.633; 34A.01, by adding a subdivision; 35.155, subdivision 4; 156.001, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 7a, 8, 10b, by adding subdivisions; 156.01, subdivisions 1, 3, by adding a subdivision; 156.02, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.03; 156.04; 156.05; 156.06; 156.07; 156.071; 156.072, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.076; 156.077, subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions; 156.078; 156.081; 156.12, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.121; 156.16, subdivisions 5, 12, 14; 156.18, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; 156.19; 604A.40, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 18.79, subdivision 3; 156.015, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 18C; 156; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18.77, subdivision 14; 156.001, subdivision 9; 156.01, subdivision 2; 156.02, subdivision 3; 156.072, subdivision 3; 156.073; 156.16, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11; 156.20."

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Putnam from the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4069: A bill for an act relating to animals; modifying provisions relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 156.001, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 7a, 8, 10b, by adding subdivisions; 156.01, subdivisions 1, 3, by

adding a subdivision; 156.02, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.03; 156.04; 156.05; 156.06; 156.07; 156.071; 156.072, subdivision 2; 156.075; 156.076; 156.077, subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions; 156.078; 156.081; 156.12, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.121; 156.16, subdivisions 5, 12, 14; 156.18, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; 156.19; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 156.015, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 156; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 156.001, subdivision 9; 156.01, subdivision 2; 156.02, subdivision 3; 156.072, subdivision 3; 156.073; 156.16, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11; 156.20.

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

Page 2, line 2, delete the new language

Page 2, line 3, delete the new language and insert "means any organism, except humans, that has sensation and the power of voluntary movement and that requires oxygen and organic nutrients"

Page 8, after line 9, insert:

"(e) The board must have a seal."

Page 11, after line 30, insert:

"Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.072, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Application.** A doctor of veterinary medicine duly admitted to practice in any state, commonwealth, territory, or district of the United States or province of Canada desiring permission to practice veterinary medicine in this state shall submit an application to the board upon forms prescribed by the board. ~~Upon proof of licensure to practice in any United States or Canadian jurisdiction and having been actively engaged in practicing veterinary medicine therein, for at least three of the five years next preceding the application, or having been engaged in full time teaching of veterinary medicine in an approved or accredited college for at least three of the five years next preceding the application, or any combination thereof, the national examination in veterinary medicine may be waived, upon the recommendation of the board, and the applicant be admitted to practice without examination. However, the board may impose any other examinations it considers proper.~~"

Page 12, line 28, strike "as set by the board"

Page 12, line 29, delete "according to"

Page 12, line 30, delete "section 156.015, subdivision 3" and delete "and"

Page 13, delete section 42

Page 13, line 3, delete the period and insert a semicolon

Page 13, lines 4 to 6, reinstate the stricken language

Page 13, line 6, strike the period and insert a semicolon

Page 13, after line 6, insert:

"(9) proof that the applicant received a passing score for the Minnesota Veterinarian Jurisprudence Examination; and

(10) a completed criminal background check."

Page 18, line 13, delete "(3)"

Page 18, strike lines 13 and 14

Page 18, line 20, strike "(4)" and insert "(3)"

Page 18, line 24, strike "(5)" and insert "(4)"

Page 18, line 27, strike "(6)" and insert "(5)"

Page 18, line 29, strike "(7) a fee as set by the board in form of check or money order" and insert "(6) a nonrefundable application fee"

Page 19, line 1, strike "(8)" and insert "(7)"

Page 19, line 2, strike everything after "Agency"

Page 19, line 3, strike everything before the semicolon and insert ", unless the board has waived this requirement because the applicant's current AAVSB licensing jurisdiction officially reported VTNE scores to the board"

Page 19, line 4, strike "(9)" and insert "(8)"

Page 19, line 6, strike "(10)" and insert "(9)"

Page 19, lines 24 to 26, delete the new language and strike the old language

Page 19, after line 26, insert:

"(3) having an impairment that prevents a licensee from practicing veterinary medicine or veterinary technology with reasonable skill, competence, and safety to the public;"

Page 20, line 14, strike everything after "practice" and insert "irrespective of whether there has been demonstrable injury or any sustained injury;"

Page 21, line 25, delete "for which the"

Page 21, delete line 26 and insert "that is outdated, damaged, misbranded, or adulterated;"

Page 23, line 2, delete the second "medicine" and insert "rehabilitation"

Page 26, lines 3 and 4, reinstate the stricken language

Page 28, line 27, after "time" insert ", if applicable"

Page 30, delete lines 29 and 30

Page 31, delete lines 1 to 12 and insert:

"(b) "Veterinary feed directive" means a written statement issued by a licensed veterinarian in the course of the veterinarian's professional practice that orders the use of a VFD drug or combination VFD drug in or on an animal feed. A VFD authorizes a client to obtain and use animal feed bearing or containing a VFD drug or combination VFD drug to treat the client's animals only in accordance with the conditions for use approved, conditionally approved, or indexed by the Food and Drug Administration.

(c) "Veterinary feed directive drug" or "VFD drug" means a drug intended for use in or on animal feed, which is limited by an approved application filed pursuant to section 512(b) of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938; a conditionally approved application filed pursuant to section 571 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938; or an index listing under section 572 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938 to use under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Use of animal feed bearing or containing a VFD drug must be authorized by a lawful VFD."

Page 31, line 14, delete "Medical Drug Use Clarification Act of 1994" and insert "Drug Availability Act of 1996"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 4075: A bill for an act relating to veterans affairs; modifying benefits available to veterans of the Secret War in Laos; directing the commissioner of veterans affairs to establish an eligibility process; including veterans of the Secret War in Laos in the ranking of state employment preference; making technical changes; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 43A.11, subdivision 7; 171.07, subdivision 15; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 197.236, subdivision 9; 197.448, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding subdivisions.

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

Page 1, delete section 1

Page 2, after line 27, insert:

"**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective November 1, 2026."

Page 7, line 1, delete "$....." and insert "$141,000"

Page 7, line 3, after the period, insert "This is a onetime appropriation."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, delete everything after the semicolon

Page 1, line 5, delete "employment preference;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 4068: A bill for an act relating to drivers' licenses; modifying ignition interlock program license revocation requirements; classifying driver's license indicators as private data; making technical corrections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 169A.54, subdivision 6; 171.07, by adding a subdivision; 171.09, subdivision 3; 171.12, subdivision 7c; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 171.12, subdivision 7; 171.306, subdivision 1.

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

Page 1, delete section 1 and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.6905, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 39. **Credential identifier and designation data.** Data related to identifiers and designations on driver's licenses and Minnesota identification cards are governed by section 171.12, subdivision 7d."

Page 2, delete section 2

Page 2, line 22, strike "and" and delete "may" and insert "must"

Page 2, line 23, strike "or" and insert "by that section, and may be disclosed as"

Page 3, after line 23, insert:

"Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7d. **Certain data on indicators and designations.** Data maintained by the commissioner under section 171.07, subdivisions 5 to 7, 11 to 13, 15, and 17 to 20, are private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 171.178, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Driving while impaired conviction or adjudication; period of license revocation.** (a) Notwithstanding the periods specified in subdivisions 3 and 4 and except as provided in section 169A.54, subdivision 7, a revocation by the commissioner as required under section 169A.54, subdivision 1, or 171.17, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (3) or (10), for conviction of an offense

in another state that would be grounds for revocation in this state under section 169A.54, subdivision 1, must be for the following periods:

(1) if the person has no qualified prior impaired driving incidents within the past 20 years:

(i) not less than 30 days if the person is convicted of an offense under section 169A.20, subdivision 1 (driving while impaired);

(ii) not less than 90 days if the person is convicted of an offense under section 169A.20, subdivision 2 (refusal to submit to chemical test);

(iii) not less than 180 days if the person is under 21 years of age and the test results indicate an alcohol concentration of less than twice the legal limit; or

(iv) not less than one year if the test results indicate an alcohol concentration of twice the legal limit or more; or

(2) if the person has one qualified prior impaired driving incident within the past 20 years, or two or more qualified prior impaired driving incidents, until the commissioner determines that the person used an ignition interlock device in compliance with section 171.306 for the period of time described in subdivision 8.

(b) Whenever department records show that the violation involved personal injury or death to any person, at least 90 additional days must be added to the base periods provided in paragraph (a), clause (1), items (i) to (iv).

(c) A person whose license has been revoked as described in subdivision 3, clause (1), or subdivision 4, clause (1), as the result of the same incident for which the person was convicted is subject to the revocation periods specified in this subdivision, unless the violation under section 169A.20 (driving while impaired) was with an aggravating factor described in section 169A.03, subdivision 3, clause (3)."

Page 4, after line 17, insert:

"Sec. 8. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169A.54, subdivision 6, is repealed."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 3959: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing protections, remedies, and modifying various provisions of the Safe at Home program; establishing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 5B.02; 5B.03, subdivision 1; 5B.11; 5B.13; 171.01, subdivision

45d; 171.0605, subdivision 5; 480.30, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 43A.36, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 5B.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4339: A bill for an act relating to utilities; modifying certain requirements governing the excavation notice system, including to require electronic positive response; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 216D.01, by adding a subdivision; 216D.03, by adding a subdivision; 216D.04, subdivision 3.

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

Page 3, line 10, after "basis" insert "following a change in contact information" and delete everything after "include" and insert "at least one telephone number designated by the operator to reach a person or persons regarding locates."

Page 3, delete line 11

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4274: A bill for an act relating to public safety; modifying the fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle crime; authorizing certain actions by peace officers in police pursuits; addressing civil liability; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 299D.03, subdivision 1; 609.066, subdivisions 1a, 2; 609.487, by adding subdivisions.

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

Page 1, delete section 1

Page 4, line 23, delete everything after "harm" and insert a period

Page 4, delete line 24

Page 4, line 32, delete everything after "property" and insert a period

Page 5, delete lines 1 to 7

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety without recommendation. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 4235: A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring removal of identifying equipment and insignia from emergency vehicles sold to the public; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4132: A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying prior appropriation for Progress Parkway construction project in the city of Eveleth; amending Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 1, section 17, subdivision 17.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Report adopted.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 3627, 4757, 4332, 4561, 4069, 4068, and 4339 were read the second time.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

H.F. Nos. 3741 and 3802 were read the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senators Port and Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 4867: A bill for an act relating to taxation; modifying the distribution of local affordable housing aid; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 297A.9925, subdivision 4; 477A.37, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Seeberger and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 4868: A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; regulating ticket resale disclosures and price; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325F.676, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 4869: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for replacement of park buildings and facilities in Dakota County regional parks; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4870: A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing the city of North Oaks to connect to the sanitary sewer system of the Metropolitan Council and be included within the Metropolitan Urban Service Area; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Pha introduced--

S.F. No. 4871: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; defining remediated cannabis product; requiring cannabis business to disclose information related to remediated cannabis products; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 342.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Champion and Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 4872: A bill for an act relating to taxation; modifying local sales tax use of revenue in the city of Minneapolis; modifying Minneapolis downtown taxing area; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297A.994, subdivision 4; Laws 1986, chapter 400, section 44, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4873: A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing a registry for repeat domestic violence offenders; requiring that certain information be published; assessing a fee; providing criminal penalties; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4874: A bill for an act relating to state government; precluding state contracts with person or business convicted of fraud; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Port introduced--

S.F. No. 4875: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; modifying requirements for the medical cannabis endorsement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 342.51, subdivisions 1, 3; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 342.51, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Port introduced--

S.F. No. 4876: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; increasing the cannabis microbusiness outdoor cultivation limit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 342.28, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Port introduced--

S.F. No. 4877: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; modifying cannabis license application periods and issuance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 342.14, subdivisions 1b, 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Holmstrom, Lieske, Wesenberg, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 4878: A bill for an act relating to state government; repealing the designation of Cesar Chavez Day as a state observance; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10.555.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 4879: A bill for an act relating to children, youth, and families; modifying enrollment and eligibility priority for children in foster care for community education programs, school readiness programs, early learning scholarships, and basic sliding fee child care assistance; modifying the Northstar foster care child care allowance; requiring licensing agencies to provide prospective child foster care license holders with information about child care costs and early childhood education programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 124D.19, subdivision 14, by adding a subdivision; 142A.607, subdivision 4; 142B.06, subdivision 5; 142B.40, subdivision 3; 142D.05, subdivision 8; 142D.25, subdivision 3; 142E.04, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Westrom, Holmstrom, and Pratt introduced--

S.F. No. 4880: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; providing a temporary sales tax holiday in July 2026.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Lucero, Fateh, Maye Quade, Holmstrom, and Wesenberg introduced--

S.F. No. 4881: A bill for an act relating to employment; prohibiting employers from requiring implantation of a microchip; creating a civil action; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 4882: A bill for an act relating to children, youth, and families; requiring responsible social services agencies to provide luggage for children in foster care; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 260C.212, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Maye Quade, Dibble, and Latz introduced--

S.F. No. 4883: A bill for an act relating to liquor; allowing nursing homes and assisted living facilities to allow consumption and display of alcoholic beverages; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Draheim introduced--

S.F. No. 4884: A bill for an act relating to local government; requiring certain cities to modernize certain building project documentation procedures; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.121, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 4885: A bill for an act relating to labor; modifying the roster of arbitrators for peace officer grievances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.892, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Marty and McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 4886: A bill for an act relating to environment; creating greenhouse gas pollution cost-recovery program; establishing account; requiring reports; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Johnson Stewart introduced--

S.F. No. 4887: A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing certain requirements related to motor vehicle impacts, including imposing a motor vehicle weight surcharge and requiring certain weight disclosures; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.013, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 168.013, subdivision 1a; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 4888: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing the issuance of emergency shelter facility appropriation bonds; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4889: A bill for an act relating to state government; modifying eligibility for noncommercial radio station grants; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 129D.14, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 4890: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; modifying a prior appropriation for a capital project grant to CornerHouse; amending Laws 2023, chapter 71, article 1, section 14, subdivision 54.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Mathews and Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 4891: A bill for an act relating to the State Fire Code; requiring rulemaking to require school security systems as part of the State Fire Code; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299F.011, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Rarick introduced--

S.F. No. 4892: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for rehabilitation of the Willard Munger state trail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 4893: A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying accessible parking enforcement standards; requiring statewide citizen disability parking enforcement program; authorizing certain postpartum people to use accessible parking spaces; establishing penalties; requiring rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 169.345, subdivision 2; 169.346, subdivisions 2, 2a, 4.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 4894: A bill for an act relating to veterans; appropriating money for a woman veterans memorial in the city of Eagan.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 4895: A bill for an act relating to civil law; clarifying volunteer participation in guardian ad litem program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 480.35, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 4896: A bill for an act relating to public safety; increasing the penalty for transferring a firearm to an unauthorized person; establishing a mandatory minimum sentence for certain transfers of a firearm to an ineligible person; removing an affirmative defense; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.7141, subdivisions 1, 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.7141, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Frentz introduced--

S.F. No. 4897: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for classroom and lab space improvements and boiler replacement at South Central College; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 4898: A bill for an act relating to legislature; restricting use of legislative email, telephone numbers, and office space; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 4899: A bill for an act relating to public safety; increasing funding for peace officer training reimbursement; amending Laws 2025, chapter 35, article 2, section 4.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 4900: A bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money for a study evaluating the potential to construct nuclear-powered electric generating facilities in Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senator Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 4901: A bill for an act relating to energy; requiring the inclusion of nuclear power as an optional resource in a utility's integrated resource plan; requiring the state to apply for federal funding related to nuclear-powered electric generating plants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216B.2422, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senator Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 4902: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; establishing a subtraction for firefighter pension income; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 290.0132, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 4903: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; establishing a subtraction for volunteer firefighter pension income; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 290.0132, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 4904: A bill for an act relating to retirement; requiring the commissioner of management and budget to establish a program allowing state employees to contribute to a Launch Account and have employer matching contributions to the Minnesota deferred compensation plan be redirected for deposit in a Launch Account; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 43A.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 4905: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying fencing requirements for farmed Cervidae; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 35.155, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Coleman introduced--

S.F. No. 4906: A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a school safety video analytics grant program; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 123B.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 4907: A bill for an act relating to higher education; imposing an in-state residency and work requirement for recipients of North Star Promise scholarships; limiting North Star Promise scholarships to students enrolled in programs of study that lead to employment in high-demand industries and occupations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 10, by adding subdivisions; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 136A.1465, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senator Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 4908: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; providing an exemption for construction materials for certain projects financed through an act relating to capital investment.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Abeler, Port, Kupec, Clark, and Pha introduced--

S.F. No. 4909: A bill for an act relating to manufactured housing; modifying eviction proceedings for manufactured home park residents; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.11, subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.11, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Howe and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 4910: A bill for an act relating to public safety; increasing penalties for unlawful possession of firearms; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 609.165, subdivision 1b; 624.713, subdivision 2; 624.7141, subdivisions 1, 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Hoffman, Wesenberg, and Farnsworth introduced--

S.F. No. 4911: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying wetland replacement requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.222, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Gruenhagen, Lucero, and Green introduced--

S.F. No. 4912: A bill for an act relating to health; prohibiting gender-affirming medical care and certain counseling for minors in the state of Minnesota; establishing penalties for violations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Gruenhagen, Green, and Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 4913: A bill for an act relating to energy; eliminating the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority; transferring certain debt obligations; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216C.441.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 4914: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for community tree-planting grants; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Pha, Xiong, Pappas, and Marty introduced--

S.F. No. 4915: A bill for an act relating to local government; restricting local government regulations of certain residential developments by religious organizations; providing civil remedies; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 4916: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for an indoor recreational dome facility in the city of St. Paul; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 4917: A bill for an act relating to higher education; modifying appropriations for the state grant program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, subdivision 3, by adding

a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 136A.121, subdivisions 7, 7a.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Housley, Mathews, and Heintzeman introduced--

S.F. No. 4918: A bill for an act relating to taxation; electric generation transition aid; modifying the criteria for an eligible taxing jurisdiction to qualify for aid; modifying the calculation of aid; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 477A.24, subdivisions 1, 3, 5; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 477A.24, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Housley and Lang introduced--

S.F. No. 4919: A bill for an act relating to veterans; waiving parking fees at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport for a veteran with a total service-connected disability; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 4920: A bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money to plan and construct an anaerobic digester or biomass thermal generation facility.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senator Holmstrom introduced--

S.F. No. 4921: A bill for an act relating to trade regulations; modifying fees charged by the commissioner of commerce for license applications and renewals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325E.21, subdivision 2c.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Gruenhagen and Holmstrom introduced--

S.F. No. 4922: A bill for an act relating to family law; modifying requirements for a temporary order in a family law case; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 518.131, subdivision 11.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Holmstrom, Koran, Lieske, and Gruenhagen introduced--

S.F. No. 4923: A bill for an act relating to family law; amending provisions related to parenting time determinations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 518.17, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Holmstrom, Gruenhagen, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 4924: A bill for an act relating to education; renaming Perpich Center for Arts Education; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 129C.10, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senators Dornink, Westrom, Dahms, Kupec, and Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 4925: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; clarifying plant and soil amendment labeling requirements; modifying the guaranteed analysis of soil and plant amendments; requiring applicants submitting plant and soil amendment registration to submit a certificate of composition; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18C.005, by adding subdivisions; 18C.211, subdivision 4; 18C.411, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18C.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Gruenhagen introduced--

S.F. No. 4926: A bill for an act relating to taxation; local sales and use; authorizing the city of Glencoe to impose a local sales tax.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 4927: A bill for an act relating to commerce; precluding delivery of professional services through artificial intelligence directly to consumers; providing for enforcement and penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 4928: A bill for an act relating to commerce; requiring a person who sells emotional support dogs to provide notice that the dog is not a service dog; increasing criminal penalties for misrepresenting service animals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.833, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Boldon, Mann, Klein, and Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4929: A bill for an act relating to health; direction to commissioner of health to join World Health Organization Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Boldon, Cwodzinski, and Hemmingsen-Jaeger introduced--

S.F. No. 4930: A bill for an act relating to education; requiring a school board to include student representation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 123B.09, subdivision 1b.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Boldon introduced--

S.F. No. 4931: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying services that may be provided by school-based health centers; requiring the commissioner of health to distribute stabilization grants to school-based health centers; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 145.903, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 4932: A bill for an act relating to state government; authorizing the rounding of a payment or transfer of cash; changing a provision in health insurance benefit plans offered in the nonrepresented employees compensation plan and the managerial plan in chapter 43A; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 43A.23, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Rest moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 7. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mathews moved that the name of Senator Frentz be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1435. The motion prevailed.

Senator Housley moved that the name of Senator Nelson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3361. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kunesh moved that the name of Senator Miller be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3684. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the names of Senators Maye Quade and Clark be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 3983. The motion prevailed.

Senator Nelson moved that the name of Senator Coleman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4106. The motion prevailed.

Senator Abeler moved that his name be stricken as chief author, shown as a co-author, and the name of Senator Hoffman be shown as chief author to S.F. No. 4222. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Wiklund be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4222. The motion prevailed.

Senator Champion moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4335. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Mann be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4359. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that the name of Senator Port be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4519. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that the name of Senator Port be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4540. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that the name of Senator Port be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4541. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that the name of Senator Port be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4542. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that the name of Senator Mohamed be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4554. The motion prevailed.

Senator Westlin moved that the name of Senator Clark be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4589. The motion prevailed.

Senator Latz moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4703. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiklund moved that the names of Senators Kupec, Port, and Abeler be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 4719. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4744. The motion prevailed.

Senator Gustafson moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4745. The motion prevailed.

Senator Weber moved that the name of Senator Port be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4749. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bahr moved that the name of Senator Fateh be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4757. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hemmingsen-Jaeger moved that the name of Senator Hoffman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4771. The motion prevailed.

Senator Utke moved that the name of Senator Coleman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4790. The motion prevailed.

Senator Duckworth moved that S.F. No. 2061 be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hemmingsen-Jaeger introduced --

Senate Resolution No. 70: A Senate resolution honoring the contributions of Terese Hemmingsen to the field of nursing in Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Kunesh, Hauschild, Rest, Housley, and Duckworth introduced --

Senate Resolution No. 71: A Senate resolution expressing the sense of the Senate honoring the long-standing partnership between the Province of Québec and the State of Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Pursuant to Rule 26, Senator Murphy, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, designated the following bills a Special Orders Calendar to be heard immediately:

H.F. Nos. 4541 and 3425.

SPECIAL ORDER

H.F. No. 4541: A bill for an act relating to state government; eliminating Cesar Chavez Day; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10.555.

H.F. No. 4541 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:

Abeler	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Marty	Rarick
Bahr	Fateh	Johnson	Mathews	Rasmusson
Boldon	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Rest
Carlson	Green	Klein	McEwen	Seeberger
Champion	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Utke
Clark	Gustafson	Kreun	Mohamed	Weber
Coleman	Hauschild	Kunesh	Murphy	Wesenberg
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Kupec	Nelson	Westlin
Dahms	Heintzeman	Lang	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Dibble	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Pappas	Wiklund
Dornink	Hoffman	Lieske	Pha	Xiong
Draheim	Holmstrom	Limmer	Port	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lucero	Pratt	
Duckworth	Howe	Mann	Putnam	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Oumou Verbeten cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Hauschild, and Latz.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman, Housley, and Lieske.

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER

H.F. No. 3425: A bill for an act relating to housing; appropriating money for grants to supportive housing providers; requiring a report; amending Laws 2023, chapter 37, article 1, section 2, subdivision 18, as amended.

Senator Duckworth moved to amend H.F. No. 3425 as follows (A-4):

Page 1, line 8, strike "10,000,000" and insert "1,000,000"

Page 1, line 9, delete "(a)"

Page 1, delete lines 13 to 23

Page 2, delete lines 1 to 36

Page 3, delete lines 1 to 3

Page 3, after line 4, insert:

"Sec. 2. **ONETIME INCREASE IN RENTER'S CREDIT.**

Subdivision 1. **Renter's credit refund.** (a) To provide tax relief for renters for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025, and before January 1, 2027, only, the commissioner of revenue must increase the refund to each taxpayer otherwise issued under Minnesota Statutes, section 290.0693, equal to an amount determined under paragraph (b).

(b) For each taxpayer, the credit equals the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025, and before January 1, 2027, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is $4,500,000, and the denominator of which is the sum of adjusted gross income for all taxpayers eligible for a refund under Minnesota Statutes, section 290.0693, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025, and before January 1, 2027.

Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** $4,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue to pay refunds required under this section. This is a onetime appropriation.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for refunds for rent paid in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025, and before January 1, 2027.

Sec. 3. **ONETIME INCREASE IN HOMESTEAD CREDIT REFUND.**

Subdivision 1. **Homestead credit refund.** To provide direct property tax relief, for claims filed based on taxes payable in 2026 only, the commissioner of revenue shall increase the refund otherwise payable under Minnesota Statutes, section 290A.04, subdivision 2, by the maximum percentage allowable for a combined amount of refunds payable under this section in an amount not to exceed $4,500,000.

Subd. 2. **No notification of appeal rights.** In adjusting homestead credit refunds under this section, the commissioner is not required to provide information concerning appeal rights that ordinarily must be provided whenever the commissioner adjusts refunds payable under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290. Taxpayers retain all rights to appeal adjustments under this section.

Subd. 3. **Appropriation.** $4,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue to make the payments required under this section. This is a onetime appropriation.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective only for refunds based on property taxes payable in 2026."

Amend the title accordingly

Senator Rest questioned whether the amendment was germane.

The President ruled that the amendment was not germane.

Senator Holmstrom moved to amend H.F. No. 3425 as follows (A-1):

Page 2, lines 16 and 17, delete "90" and insert "30"

Page 2, line 19, after "money" insert ", the amount of grant money awarded under this subdivision that remains unspent,"

The question was taken on the adoption of the amendment.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 32 and nays 35, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Bahr	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Lucero	Utke
Coleman	Green	Johnson	Mathews	Weber
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Wesenberg
Dornink	Heintzeman	Kreun	Nelson	Westrom
Draheim	Holmstrom	Lang	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lieske	Rarick	
Duckworth	Howe	Limmer	Rasmusson	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman and Lieske.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Abeler	Clark	Frentz	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Kunesh
Boldon	Cwodzinski	Gustafson	Hoffman	Kupec
Carlson	Dibble	Hauschild	Johnson Stewart	Latz
Champion	Fateh	Hawj	Klein	Mann

Marty	Mohamed	Pappas	Putnam	Westlin
Maye Quade	Murphy	Pha	Rest	Wiklund
McEwen	Oumou Verbeten	Port	Seeberger	Xiong

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Oumou Verbeten cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Hauschild, and Latz.

The motion did not prevail. So the amendment was not adopted.

H.F. No. 3425 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 39 and nays 28, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Housley	Maye Quade	Port
Boldon	Fateh	Johnson Stewart	McEwen	Putnam
Carlson	Frentz	Klein	Miller	Rest
Champion	Gustafson	Kunesh	Mohamed	Seeberger
Clark	Hauschild	Kupec	Murphy	Westlin
Coleman	Hawj	Latz	Oumou Verbeten	Wiklund
Cwodzinski	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Mann	Pappas	Xiong
Dibble	Hoffman	Marty	Pha	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Oumou Verbeten cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Hauschild, and Latz.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Bahr	Green	Johnson	Lucero	Utke
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Koran	Mathews	Weber
Dornink	Heintzeman	Kreun	Nelson	Wesenberg
Draheim	Holmstrom	Lang	Pratt	Westrom
Drazkowski	Howe	Lieske	Rarick	
Farnsworth	Jasinski	Limmer	Rasmusson	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senator: Lieske.

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Murphy moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2026. The motion prevailed.

Thomas S. Bottern, Secretary of the Senate