FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, March 12, 2026

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

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Murphy 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. Dan Stark.

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.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received.

January 30, 2026

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Champion:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF HIGH PRESSURE PIPING SYSTEMS

Joseph Abbott, Nowthen, in the county of Anoka, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.

Aubrey Archer, Big Lake, in the county of Sherburne, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.

Edgar Castro, Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.

Erik Hansen, Foley, in the county of Benton, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.

Robert Lind, Otsego, in the county of Wright, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.

Jake Pettit, Sartell, in the county of Stearns, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.

Dennis Theisen, Inver Grove Heights, in the county of Dakota, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.

(Referred to the Committee on Labor.)

February 13, 2026

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Champion:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF THE ARTS

Johanna Rian, Lakeville, in the county of Dakota, effective February 18, 2026, for a term expiring on January 4, 2027.

Michael Sweeney, Wayzata, in the county of Hennepin, effective February 18, 2026, for a term expiring on January 7, 2030.

Christina Woods, Duluth, in the county of Saint Louis, effective February 18, 2026, for a term expiring on January 7, 2030.

(Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.)

Sincerely,
Tim Walz, Governor

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3833: A bill for an act relating to legislature; establishing a Legislative Commission on Legislative Security; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[3.9201] LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON LEGISLATIVE SECURITY.**

Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The Legislative Commission on Legislative Security consists of:

(1) six members of the senate, three of whom are appointed by the senate majority leader and three of whom are appointed by the senate minority leader; and

(2) six members of the house of representatives, three of whom are appointed by the speaker of the house and three of whom are appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

(b) Appointing authorities must make appointments by January 25 of each odd-numbered year.

(c) At least one member appointed by the senate majority leader and at least one member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives must serve on the advisory committee on Capitol Area Security, appointed under section 299E.04, subdivision 1, at the time of appointment to the Legislative Commission on Legislative Security.

Subd. 2. **Terms; vacancies.** Members serve a two-year term beginning on appointment in each odd-numbered year and expiring on appointment of a successor after the opening of the next regular session of the legislature in an odd-numbered year. A vacancy in the membership of the commission must be filled by the appointing authority for the vacant seat for the unexpired term in a manner that will preserve the representation established by this section.

Subd. 3. **Chair; officers.** The commission must elect a chair and may elect other officers as the commission determines necessary. The chair alternates between a member of the senate and a member of the house of representatives in January of each odd-numbered year. A chair shall serve a two-year term expiring upon election of a new chair after the opening of the next regular session of the legislature in the odd-numbered year.

Subd. 4. **Staff; professional and technical services.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide administrative services for the commission. The executive director of the Legislative

Coordinating Commission may contract for professional and technical services as the commission determines is necessary to perform the duties prescribed in this section.

Subd. 5. **Duties.** At a minimum, the commission must: (1) study, research, and analyze issues related to the security needs of state legislators and staff while in a legislative district; and (2) review and make recommendations regarding proposed legislation that impacts security for elected officials and staff.

Subd. 6. **Meetings.** The meetings of the commission are subject to section 3.055, except that the commission may close a meeting when necessary to protect confidentiality of security measures to safeguard legislators. Security records shall be maintained by the Legislative Coordinating Commission and shall not be made available to the public until at least eight years but no more than 20 years after the date of the closed meeting.

Subd. 7. **Closed meetings procedures.** The commission must adopt procedures for conducting closed meetings before the commission's first closed meeting. At a minimum, the procedures must include:

(1) a requirement to provide notice to the public, when practicable, before each closed meeting of the commission's intent and authority to hold a closed meeting or to hold a closed session during an otherwise open meeting;

(2) a requirement that the commission minimize the number of people present at a closed meeting to those necessary to conduct the meeting;

(3) a requirement that votes shall not be taken during a closed meeting or a closed portion of a meeting pursuant to this section;

(4) steps the commission must take if a commission member is alleged to have violated the confidentiality of a closed meeting; and

(5) guidance for the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the public release of security records following the eight-year record requirement in subdivision 6. The meetings of the Legislative Coordinating Commission under this subdivision are exempt from section 3.055 when necessary to safeguard the confidentiality of security records.

Subd. 8. **Closed meeting confidentiality violations.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if a complaint alleging a member violated the confidentiality of a closed meeting is brought to a legislative committee with jurisdiction over ethical conduct, the committee with jurisdiction over ethical conduct must preserve the confidentiality of the closed meeting at issue.

Subd. 9. **Reporting.** The commission must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Rules and Administration in the senate and the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration in the house of representatives by December 31, 2027, and annually thereafter, on results of their work.

Subd. 10. **Expiration.** This section expires December 31, 2035."

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

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

S.F. No. 2939: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring health care entities to report information on ownership or control to the commissioner of health; requiring annual public reports; providing for enforcement; authorizing penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144.99, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145E.

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

Page 1, after line 7, insert:

"ARTICLE 1

TRANSPARENCY OF HEALTH CARE ENTITY OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL"

Page 1, delete section 1 and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 144.99, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Remedies available.** The provisions of chapters 103I, 145E, and 157 and sections 115.71 to 115.77; 144.12, subdivision 1, clauses (1), (2), (5), (6), (10), (12), (13), (14), and (15); 144.1201 to 144.1204; 144.121; 144.1215; 144.1222; 144.35; 144.381 to 144.385; 144.411 to 144.417; 144.495; 144.71 to 144.74; 144.9501 to 144.9512; 144.97 to 144.98; 144.992; 147.037, subdivision 1b, paragraph (d); 326.70 to 326.785; 327.10 to 327.131; and 327.14 to 327.28 and all rules, orders, stipulation agreements, settlements, compliance agreements, licenses, registrations, certificates, and permits adopted or issued by the department or under any other law now in force or later enacted for the preservation of public health may, in addition to provisions in other statutes, be enforced under this section."

Page 3, after line 22, insert:

"Subd. 11. **Licensee.** "Licensee" has the meaning given to that term in section 319B.41, subdivision 1."

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 6, line 19, delete "physicians" and insert "licensees"

Page 8, line 17, delete everything after "report" and insert ", fails to submit a complete report, or fails to submit a report in the form and manner specified by the commissioner"

Page 8, line 18, delete everything before the period

Page 9, after line 4, insert:

"ARTICLE 2

CORPORATE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 319B.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Governance authority.** (a) Except as stated in paragraph (b), a professional firm's governance authority must rest with:

(1) one or more professionals, each of whom is licensed to furnish at least one category of the pertinent professional services; or

(2) a surviving spouse of a deceased professional who was the sole owner of the professional firm, while the surviving spouse owns and controls the firm, but only during the period of time ending one year after the death of the professional.

(b) In a Minnesota professional firm organized under chapter 317A and in a foreign professional firm organized under the nonprofit corporation statute of another state, at least one individual possessing governance authority must be a professional licensed to furnish at least one category of the pertinent professional services, except that the requirements of section 319B.41, subdivision 4, apply to medical practices.

(c) Individuals who possess governance authority within a professional firm may delegate administrative and operational matters to others, subject to section 319B.41, subdivisions 3 and 4. No decision entailing the exercise of professional judgment may be delegated or assigned to anyone who is not a professional licensed to practice the professional services involved in the decision.

(d) An individual whose license to practice any pertinent professional services is revoked or suspended may not, during the time the revocation or suspension is in effect, possess or exercise governance authority, hold a position with governance authority, or take part in any decision or other action constituting an exercise of governance authority. Nothing in this chapter prevents a board from further terminating, restricting, limiting, qualifying, or imposing conditions on an individual's governance role as board disciplinary action.

(e) A professional firm owned and controlled by a surviving spouse must comply with all requirements of this chapter, except those clearly inapplicable to a firm owned and governed by a surviving spouse who is not a professional of the same type as the surviving spouse's decedent.

Sec. 2. **[319B.41] CORPORATE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Affiliate" has the meaning given in section 145E.01, subdivision 2.

(c) "Control," including the terms "controlling," "controlled by," and "under common control with," has the meaning given in section 145D.01, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), except:

(1) control is presumed to exist if any person, directly or indirectly, owns, controls, holds with the power to vote, or holds proxies representing ten percent or more of the voting securities of any

other person, or if any person, directly or indirectly, constitutes ten percent or more of the membership of an entity formed under chapter 317A; and

(2) the commissioner may determine that control exists in fact, notwithstanding the absence of a presumption to that effect.

(d) "Health care provider" has the meaning given in section 145E.01, subdivision 8.

(e) "Licensee" means individuals who furnish professional services pursuant to a license, registration, or certificate issued by the state of Minnesota to practice medicine pursuant to chapter 147, as a physician assistant pursuant to chapter 147A, chiropractic pursuant to sections 148.01 to 148.108, registered nursing pursuant to sections 148.171 to 148.285, optometry pursuant to sections 148.52 to 148.62, psychology pursuant to sections 148.88 to 148.981, social work pursuant to chapter 148E, marriage and family therapy pursuant to sections 148B.29 to 148B.392, dentistry pursuant to sections 150A.01 to 150A.22, practice of pharmacy pursuant to sections 151.01 to 151.40, or podiatric medicine pursuant to chapter 153.

(f) "Management services organization" has the meaning given in section 145E.01, subdivision 12.

(g) "Medical practice" means an entity organized for the purpose of practicing medicine and is permitted to practice medicine in this state.

(h) "Practice-based compensation" means an arrangement providing for or resulting in a payment amount based, directly or indirectly, on:

(1) the income, revenue, profit, or other financial metric of the medical practice; or

(2) the volume or value of health care items or services provided by the medical practice.

Practice-based compensation may result, without limitation, from any agreement between the service provider and the medical practice or a direct or indirect owner of the medical practice, regardless of whether such agreement contains an obligation to provide management or administrative services.

(i) "Private equity fund" has the meaning given in section 145E.01, subdivision 15.

(j) "Provider organization" has the meaning given in section 145E.01, subdivision 16.

(k) "Significant equity investor" has the meaning given in section 145E.01, subdivision 17.

Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** It is unlawful for any person except for a licensee to own a medical practice, employ licensees, or otherwise engage in the practice of medicine.

Subd. 3. **Requirements.** (a) Licensee owners of a medical practice must exhibit meaningful ownership of the medical practice. Meaningful ownership shall require that each licensee owner is duly licensed and present in this state and substantially engaged in delivering medical care or managing the medical practice.

(b) Unless a shareholder, director, officer, or partner of a medical practice also owns a majority of the interest in the management services organization, they shall not:

(1) own or control shares in, serve as a director or officer of, be an employee of or an independent contractor with, or otherwise participate in managing both the medical practice and a management services organization with which the medical practice has a contract; or

(2) receive substantial compensation or remuneration from a management services organization in return for ownership or management of the medical practice.

(c) A medical practice shall not transfer or relinquish control over the sale, the restriction of the sale, or the encumbrance of the sale of the medical practice's shares or assets.

(d) A medical practice shall not transfer or relinquish control over the issuing of shares of stock in the medical practice, in a subsidiary of the medical practice or an entity affiliated with the medical practice, or the paying of dividends.

(e) A nondisclosure agreement or nondisparagement agreement between a licensee and a management services organization is void and unenforceable.

(f) It is unlawful for a management services organization or other entity that is not the medical practice to advertise the medical practice's services under the name of the entity that is not the medical practice.

Subd. 4. **Relinquishing control; interference.** (a) A medical practice may not, by means of a contract or other agreement or arrangement, by providing in the medical practice's articles of incorporation or bylaws, by forming a subsidiary or affiliated entity or by other means, relinquish control over or otherwise transfer de facto control over any of the medical practice's administrative, business, or clinical operations that may affect clinical decision-making or the nature or quality of medical care that the medical practice delivers.

(b) Conduct prohibited under paragraph (a) includes, but is not limited to, relinquishing ultimate decision-making authority over:

(1) hiring or terminating, setting work schedules and compensation, or otherwise specifying terms of employment of licensees;

(2) the disbursement of revenue generated from physician fees and other revenue generated by physician services;

(3) collaboration and negotiation with hospitals and other institutions in which the licensees of the medical practice may deliver clinical care, particularly with regard to controlling licensee schedules as a means of discipline;

(4) setting staffing levels, or specifying the period of time a licensee may see a patient, for any location that serves patients;

(5) making diagnostic coding decisions;

(6) setting clinical standards or policies;

(7) setting policies for patient, client, or customer billing and collection;

(8) setting the prices, rates, or amounts the medical practice charges for a licensee's services; or

(9) negotiating, executing, performing, enforcing, or terminating contracts with third-party payors or persons that are not employees of the medical practice.

(c) The conduct described in paragraph (b) does not prohibit:

(1) collection of quality metrics as required by law or in accordance with an agreement to which the medical practice is a party; or

(2) setting criteria for reimbursement under a contract between the medical practice and an insurer or payer or entity that otherwise reimburses the medical practice for medical care.

(d) A medical practice may not interfere, control, or otherwise direct the professional judgment or clinical decisions of a licensee. Conduct prohibited under this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, controlling, either directly or indirectly, through discipline, punishment, threats, adverse employment actions, coercion, retaliation, or excessive pressure, the following:

(1) the period of time a licensee may spend with a patient, including the time permitted for a licensee to triage patients in the emergency department or evaluate admitted patients;

(2) the period of time within which a licensee must discharge a patient;

(3) the clinical status of the patient, including whether the patient should be admitted to inpatient status, whether the patient should be kept in observation status, whether the patient should receive palliative care, and whether and where the patient should be referred upon discharge, such as a skilled nursing facility;

(4) the diagnoses, diagnostic terminology, or codes that are entered into the medical record by the licensee;

(5) the range of clinical orders available to licensees, including by configuring the medical record to prohibit or significantly limit the options available to the licensee; or

(6) any other action specified by regulation to constitute impermissible interference or control over the clinical judgment and decision-making of a licensee.

(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a medical practice may delegate administrative, business, or clinical operations to a managed services organization if:

(1) the medical practice's shareholder or partnership agreement delegates authority exclusively to the majority of shareholders or partners who are licensees; and

(2) the delegation does not relinquish de facto control of the medical practice to nonlicensees.

Subd. 5. **Compensation prohibition for management and administrative services.** (a) The provision of management or administrative services for practice-based compensation is prohibited.

(b) The provision of management or administrative services for compensation exceeding the services' fair market value is prohibited.

Subd. 6. **Enforcement.** The attorney general shall enforce this section under section 8.31."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the second semicolon, insert "requiring licensee ownership and governance of medical practices; authorizing rulemaking; imposing a fee; limiting management and administrative service arrangements;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

S.F. No. 2621: A bill for an act relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XI; increasing the sales tax rate by three-eighths of one percent and dedicating the receipts for housing purposes; creating a homeownership opportunity fund, a community and household stability fund, and a rental opportunity fund; creating fund councils; providing appointments; requiring reports; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 256K; 462A.

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

Page 5, line 11, delete "and jurisdiction over" and insert ", homelessness, and"

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

REPORT OF VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Rule 12.10, upon the request of three members, a roll call was taken on the Lieske amendment to S.F. No. 2621.

There were yeas 3 and nays 6, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Senators Lieske, Koran, and Utke.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Senators Boldon, Fateh, Kupec, Mann, Port, and Wiklund.

The amendment was not adopted.

Pursuant to Rule 12.10, upon the request of three members, a roll call was taken on the motion that S.F. No. 2621, as amended be recommended to pass and be re-referred.

There were yeas 6 and nays 2, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Senators Boldon, Fateh, Kupec, Mann, Port, and Wiklund.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Senators Lieske and Utke.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hawj from the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2442: A bill for an act relating to environment; providing for outdoor use of rainwater and stormwater; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115.

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

Page 1, line 7, delete "must" and insert "may"

Page 1, line 12, after the semicolon, insert "or"

Page 1, line 13, delete "; or" and insert a period

Page 1, delete line 14 and insert:

"(c) This section does not apply to or affect the use of rainwater and stormwater in agricultural activities that produce food crops for humans or livestock."

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 Carlson from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4147: A bill for an act relating to corporations; revoking and granting corporate powers; prohibiting corporate powers related to election activity; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 302A.011, by adding a subdivision; 302A.165; 317A.011, by adding a subdivision; 317A.111, subdivision 3; 317A.165, subdivision 1; 322C.0102, by adding a subdivision; 322C.0110, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 302A.111, subdivision 2; 302A.166, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 302A; 317A; 322C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 302A.161, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24; 317A.161; 322C.0105; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 302A.161, subdivision 23a.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[300.80] DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For purposes of sections 300.80 to 300.86, the following terms have the meaning given.

Subd. 2. **Legal entity.** (a) "Legal entity" means an entity whose existence, legal status, or limited liability is conferred by Minnesota law. Legal entity includes but is not limited to: (1) an entity governed by chapters 302A, 308A, 308B, 317A, 318, 321, 322C, and 323A; and (2) a foreign entity that is authorized to transact business, is transacting business, or holds property in this state.

(b) Legal entity does not include the state or an agency, instrumentality, authority, political subdivision, or public body corporate and politic of the state.

Subd. 3. **Legal entity powers.** "Legal entity powers" means the powers necessary or convenient to carry out the legal entity's lawful business, charitable, cooperative, or organizational purposes. Legal entity powers do not include political spending powers.

Subd. 4. **Political spending powers.** (a) "Political spending powers" means the power to directly or indirectly pay, contribute, expend, transfer, or disburse money or anything of value to:

(1) aid, promote, support, or defeat the endorsement, nomination, or election of a federal, state, or local candidate;

(2) produce or disseminate an electioneering communication as defined in section 10A.201 or United States Code, title 52, section 30104;

(3) aid, promote, support, or defeat the interests of any political party, political committee or fund, or similar entity; or

(4) aid, promote, support, or defeat the passage of a ballot question, recall, constitutional amendment, charter amendment, or other question formally submitted to voters.

(b) Political spending powers does not include the distribution of bona fide news, commentary, or editorial content through the facilities of a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication, including print, online, or digital formats, unless the facilities are owned or controlled by a political party; federal, state, or local candidate; political committee or fund; or other similar entity.

Sec. 2. **[300.81] REVOCATION AND REGRANT OF POWERS.**

(a) Simultaneously on the effective date of this section:

(1) all powers, including implied powers, previously granted to legal entities under Minnesota law are revoked; and

(2) every legal entity operating under the jurisdiction of this state possesses only the legal entity powers as provided under sections 300.80 to 300.86 and no others.

(b) The revocation and regrant under paragraph (a) must be construed as a single, integrated redefinition of the powers of legal entities under Minnesota law.

(c) No provision of statutes may be construed to directly or indirectly grant or recognize political spending powers in a legal entity, except as provided under section 300.84.

(d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, political spending powers are not necessary or convenient for a legal entity to carry out the legal entity's lawful business, charitable, cooperative, or other organizational purpose.

(e) Any provision of articles of incorporation, articles of organization, a partnership agreement, an operating agreement, bylaws, a trust instrument, a statement of authority, or other organizational document that grants or purports to grant political spending powers is void.

Sec. 3. **[300.82] CERTAIN ACTS VOID.**

(a) An act by a legal entity that constitutes the exercise of political spending powers is ultra vires and void.

(b) An act described in paragraph (a):

(1) is void from inception;

(2) may not be ratified or validated;

(3) creates no enforceable rights, obligations, or defenses; and

(4) is not validated by consent, estoppel, waiver, reliance, course of dealing, or any equitable doctrine.

Sec. 4. **[300.83] ENFORCEMENT; PENALTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Administrative dissolution; enforcement.** (a) If a legal entity violates section 300.81, the attorney general may petition the secretary of state to issue a certificate of administrative dissolution. A legal entity that is administratively dissolved under this subdivision may be reinstated under subdivision 2. During the period a legal entity is administratively dissolved, the legal entity's liabilities must be determined and limited under the applicable law.

(b) The authority provided under this section is in addition to any other authority provided by law, including but not limited to the attorney general's powers under sections 8.31, 501B.40, and 501B.41 to investigate and bring actions to secure compliance.

(c) A foreign entity that directly or indirectly undertakes, finances, or directs political spending powers in this state, or with respect to any election or ballot measure submitted to the electors of this state, is transacting business in this state for jurisdiction and enforcement purposes.

Subd. 2. **Reinstatement.** A legal entity subject to administrative dissolution under subdivision 1 may be reinstated by the secretary of state only if the legal entity:

(1) fully disgorges to the general fund all money or things of value expended to exercise political spending powers; and

(2) certifies future compliance with sections 300.80 to 300.86.

Sec. 5. **[300.84] POLITICAL COMMITTEE EXCEPTION.**

A political committee, political fund, political party, political party unit, principal campaign committee, or committee organized solely to exercise political spending powers under state or federal law may exercise political spending powers, provided that limited liability is the only charter privilege conferred on the entity under Minnesota law.

Sec. 6. **[300.85] SAVINGS; NATURAL PERSONS; PUBLIC BODIES.**

(a) Nothing in sections 300.80 to 300.86 regulates or restricts the constitutional rights of a natural person acting in the natural person's individual capacity.

(b) Sections 300.80 to 300.86 do not apply to the state or an agency, instrumentality, authority, political subdivision, or public body corporate and politic of the state.

(c) Nothing in sections 300.80 to 300.86 invalidates, impairs, or modifies a contract, debt instrument, security, or other legal obligation lawfully entered into before the effective date of this section.

Sec. 7. **[300.86] SUPERSESSION; NONREVIVAL.**

(a) Sections 300.80 to 300.86 supersede and prevail over a statute that may be construed to grant or recognize political spending powers to a legal entity.

(b) No power, privilege, or capacity revoked by sections 300.80 to 300.86 may be revived, reinstated, or implied by operation of law or judicial construction.

Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective July 1, 2026, and applies to acts occurring on or after that date."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to business organizations; revoking and regranting certain powers; providing for administrative dissolution, civil penalties, and reinstatement; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 300."

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

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

S.F. No. 3584: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money for hiring for the farmer-lender mediation program.

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

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

S.F. No. 2769: A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a Dual Enrollment Task Force; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

Page 1, delete subdivision 1

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 1, line 9, before "Membership" insert "Establishment;" and delete "task force" and insert "Dual Enrollment Task Force is established and"

Page 1, line 14, delete "one college or university president or a representative" and insert "two college or university presidents or representatives, one from a two-year institution and one from a four-year institution,"

Page 1, line 15, after "financing" insert "and"

Page 1, after line 19, insert:

"(7) one Tribal college president, university president, or representative with knowledge of dual enrollment financing;"

Page 1, line 20, delete "(7)" and insert "(8)"

Page 2, line 6, delete "and"

Page 2, delete lines 8 to 10 and insert:

"(vii) one high school educator teaching college courses at a high school; and

(viii) one high school counselor who advises students enrolled in college courses through the postsecondary enrollment options (PSEO) program; and

(9) the following members appointed by the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education:

(i) one representative from a nonprofit private postsecondary institution participating in a dual enrollment program;

(ii) one representative from the Office of Higher Education with expertise in Minnesota's education funding mechanisms;

(iii) one faculty member from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system who teaches students enrolled in college courses through the PSEO program; and

(iv) one counselor from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system who advises students enrolled in college courses through the PSEO program."

Page 2, delete lines 12 to 14

Page 3, line 21, delete "member appointed by the" and insert "commissioner of education"

Page 3, line 22, delete "speaker of the house"

Page 3, lines 25 and 30, delete "3" and insert "2"

Page 4, line 2, delete "3" and insert "2"

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

S.F. No. 3583: A bill for an act relating to civil law; extending the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 583.215.

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

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

S.F. No. 4297: A bill for an act relating to higher education; requiring postsecondary institutions to clearly notice deadlines for full reimbursement of tuition; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.

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

Page 2, line 8, delete "before the institution's add-drop period" and insert "at the time of registration; and"

Page 2, delete line 9

Page 2, line 17, delete "136A.8295" and insert "136A.147"

Page 2, after line 17, insert:

"Sec. 2. **[136A.147] ADD-DROP COMPLAINTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** The Office of Higher Education has the authority to review and take appropriate action on student complaints from schools covered under the provisions of section 136A.1469.

Subd. 2. **Complaint.** A complaint must be in writing, be signed by a student, and state how the school's policies and procedures or section 136A.1469 were violated. Student complaints shall be limited to complaints that occurred within six years from the date the concern should have been

discovered with reasonable effort and after the student has utilized the school's internal complaint process. The office shall not investigate grade disputes, student conduct proceedings, disability accommodation requests, and discrimination claims, including Title IX complaints.

Subd. 3. **Investigation.** The office shall initiate an investigation upon receipt of a complaint within the authority of subdivision 2. A school involved in an investigation shall be informed of the alleged violations and the processes of the investigation. A school involved in an investigation shall respond to the alleged violations and provide requested documentation to the office. Upon completion of an investigation, the office shall inform the school and the student of the investigation outcome.

Subd. 4. **Penalties.** (a) If violations are found, the office may require remedial action by the school or assign a penalty under paragraph (b). Remedial action may include student notification of violations, adjustments to the school's policies and procedures, and tuition or fee refunds to impacted students.

(b) The commissioner may assess fines for violations of section 136A.1469. Each day's failure to comply with section 136A.1469 shall be a separate violation and fines shall not exceed $500 per day per violation.

Subd. 5. **Appeals.** Any order requiring remedial action by the school or assigning a penalty under this section is appealable in accordance with chapter 14. The request for an appeal must be made in writing to the office within 30 days of the date the school is notified of the action of the office. The court shall award costs and reasonable attorney fees in a contested chapter 14 hearing to the office if:

(1) the office substantially prevails on the merits in an action brought under this section; and

(2) the school has a net income from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges collected from the last fiscal year of $1,000,000 or greater.

Subd. 6. **Disclosure.** Schools must disclose on their website, student handbook, and student catalog the student complaint process under this section to students.

Subd. 7. **Private information.** Student complaint data are private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12. The office may disclose student complaint data to law enforcement officials or in connection with a legal or administrative proceeding commenced to enforce a requirement of law."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon, insert "creating student complaint process; authorizing investigations and remedial action by the Office of Higher Education;"

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on Taxes, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3980: A bill for an act relating to taxation; public finance; modifying local government debt financing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 123B.595, subdivision 5; 297A.993, subdivision 4; 469.060, subdivision 3.

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

Page 1, delete section 1

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3859: A bill for an act relating to health insurance; mandating coverage without cost-sharing of immunizations for routine use without a prescription; establishing the Minnesota Science-Based Vaccine Advisory Council; establishing advisory council duties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 62Q.46, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

Page 2, line 5, delete "West Coast Health Alliance" and insert "Minnesota Science-Based Vaccine Advisory Council established under section 145.675"

Page 3, after line 21, insert:

"Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 62Q.46, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. **Reimbursement.** (a) The commissioner of commerce must reimburse health plan companies for coverage described under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), items (ii) and (iii). Treatments and services covered by the health plan as of January 1, 2023, are ineligible for payment under this subdivision by the commissioner of commerce.

(b) Health plan companies must report to the commissioner of commerce quantified costs attributable to the benefit described under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), items (ii) and (iii), in a format developed by the commissioner.

(c) The commissioner of commerce must evaluate submissions and make payments to health plan companies as provided in Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section 155.170.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 62Q.46, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. **Appropriation.** Beginning in fiscal year 2028, an amount necessary to make payments to health plan companies to defray the cost of providing coverage, as described in subdivision 4, is

annually appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of commerce. The amount appropriated under this subdivision must include the administrative costs incurred by the commissioner to make the defrayal payments."

Page 5, after line 9, insert:

"(d) The commissioner of health must develop an application process and required documents that each appointing authority must collect and review prior to appointing an applicant to the advisory council, including at minimum:

(1) two letters of support for an applicant submitted by an individual with an established professional relationship with the applicant and who is a trusted scientist, clinician, and public health leader;

(2) disclosure by the applicant and their immediate family members of any financial interests that may be considered a conflict of interest if the applicant participates in the advisory council as a member; and

(3) evidence of completing a background study."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the first semicolon, insert "requiring the commissioner of commerce to make defrayal payments to health plan companies;"

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 Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3868: A bill for an act relating to commerce; prohibiting virtual currency kiosks; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 53B.69, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 53B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 53B.69, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4, 5, 6a, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13; 53B.70; 53B.71; 53B.72; 53B.73; 53B.74; 53B.75.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[53B.741] PROHIBITION ON VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS.**

A person is prohibited from placing or operating a virtual currency kiosk in Minnesota.

Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 53B.69, subdivisions 3b, 3c, 11, and 12; and 53B.75, are repealed."

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1201: A bill for an act relating to health insurance; requiring a report on school district and charter school health insurance; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 471.6161, by adding a subdivision.

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 Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4256: 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.

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

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3779: A bill for an act relating to travel insurance; providing for the licensing and registration of limited lines travel insurance producers and travel retailers; providing for the sale and regulation of travel insurance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60K.383; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 65C.

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

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

S.F. No. 1131: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; establishing licensure for massage therapy and Asian bodywork therapy; establishing fees; providing criminal penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 146A.01, subdivision 4; 146A.06, subdivision 3; 146A.09, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

MASSAGE THERAPY AND ASIAN BODYWORK THERAPY

Section 1. **[148.636] CITATION.**

Sections 148.636 to 148.6377 may be cited as the "Minnesota Massage Therapy and Asian Bodywork Therapy Act."

Sec. 2. **[148.6361] DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** For purposes of sections 148.636 to 148.6377, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Subd. 2. **Advisory council.** "Advisory council" means the Massage Therapy Advisory Council established under section 148.6376.

Subd. 3. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means an individual who has submitted an application to the commissioner according to sections 148.636 to 148.6377.

Subd. 4. **Asian bodywork therapy.** (a) "Asian bodywork therapy" means therapy based upon Chinese medical principles with the intent of promoting, maintaining, and restoring health and well-being by affecting the body.

(b) Asian bodywork therapy may use any of the following techniques:

(1) pressing;

(2) soothing;

(3) kneading;

(4) vibration;

(5) friction;

(6) passive stretching within the client's physiological range of motion;

(7) active assistive and resistive movement;

(8) stretching; and

(9) tapping, movement, exercising, or manipulation of the soft tissues.

(c) Methods of assessment and evaluation for Asian bodywork therapy must include a health history and intake interview; observation; listening; questioning; palpation; and with the client's permission or if the client is a minor, the permission of the client's legal guardian or parent, consultation with the client's other health care providers.

Subd. 5. **Client.** "Client" means a recipient of massage therapy services or Asian bodywork therapy services.

Subd. 6. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

Subd. 7. **Contact hours.** "Contact hours" means the number of hours during which a student is engaged in learning activities provided by a training program approved by the advisory council. Contact hours include synchronous or asynchronous distance learning and in-person learning.

Subd. 8. **Credentialing examination.** "Credentialing examination" means an examination approved by the commissioner that meets recognized psychometric principles and standards and is administered by a national testing organization.

Subd. 9. **Massage therapy.** (a) "Massage therapy" means the manual manipulation of the soft tissues of the body to promote, maintain, and restore health and well-being.

(b) Massage therapy may use any of the following techniques:

(1) stroking;

(2) gliding;

(3) lifting;

(4) kneading;

(5) jostling;

(6) vibration;

(7) percussion;

(8) compression;

(9) friction;

(10) holding;

(11) passive stretching within the client's physiological range of motion;

(12) movement or manipulation of the soft tissues;

(13) active assistive and resistive movement; and

(14) stretching.

(c) Methods of assessment for massage therapy must include a health history and intake interview; observation of posture and movement; palpation; range of motion assessment; and with the client's permission or if the client is a minor, the permission of the client's legal guardian or parent, consultation with the client's other health care providers.

Subd. 10. **Municipality.** "Municipality" means a county, town, or home rule charter or statutory city.

Subd. 11. **Registered Asian bodywork therapist.** "Registered Asian bodywork therapist" means an individual who meets the qualifications in sections 148.636 to 148.6377 to use the protected titles for Asian bodywork therapists under section 148.6364 and is registered with the commissioner.

Subd. 12. **Registered massage therapist.** "Registered massage therapist" means an individual who meets the qualifications in sections 148.636 to 148.6377 to use the protected titles for massage therapists under section 148.6364 and is registered with the commissioner.

Subd. 13. **Registrant.** "Registrant" means an individual registered with the commissioner under sections 148.636 to 148.6377.

Sec. 3. **[148.6362] DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER.**

The commissioner shall:

(1) issue registrations to qualified applicants according to sections 148.636 to 148.6377;

(2) adopt rules, including standards of practice and a professional code of ethics, necessary to implement sections 148.636 to 148.6377;

(3) assign duties to the advisory council that are necessary to implement sections 148.636 to 148.6377;

(4) approve a credentialing examination;

(5) enforce sections 148.636 to 148.6377 and investigate violations of sections 148.636 to 148.6377 by a registrant or applicant;

(6) impose disciplinary action as described in section 148.6370;

(7) maintain a record of names and addresses of registrants; and

(8) distribute information regarding massage therapy and Asian bodywork therapy standards, including applications and forms necessary to carry out sections 148.636 to 148.6377.

Sec. 4. **[148.6363] LIMITATIONS ON PRACTICE.**

Subdivision 1. **Limitations.** The practice of massage therapy and Asian bodywork therapy does not include:

(1) performing examinations for the purpose of diagnosis;

(2) providing treatments that are outside the scope of massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy practice;

(3) attempts to adjust, manipulate, or mobilize any articulation of the body or spine by the use of high-velocity, low-amplitude thrusting force;

(4) attempts to stimulate various points of the body by needle insertion or interruption of the cutaneous integrity by needle insertion to secure therapeutic relief of symptoms;

(5) prescriptive exercise;

(6) manual or mechanical traction when applied to the spine or extremities for the purposes of joint mobilization or manipulation;

(7) injection therapy;

(8) laser therapy;

(9) microwave diathermy;

(10) electrical stimulation;

(11) ultrasound;

(12) iontophoresis; or

(13) phonophoresis.

Subd. 2. **Referrals to other health care providers.** If a registered massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist finds a client's medical condition is beyond the scope of practice established by sections 148.636 to 148.6377 for a registered massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist, the therapist must refer the client to a licensed health care provider. Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the registered massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist from continuing to comanage a client's care.

Sec. 5. **[148.6364] PROTECTED TITLES AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE.**

Effective January 1, 2028, no person shall use any of the terms or titles "registered massage therapist," "RMT," "registered Asian bodywork therapist," "RABT," or any other term or title that may lead the public to believe the person is a registered massage therapist or registered Asian bodywork therapist, unless the person is registered under sections 148.636 to 148.6377.

Sec. 6. **[148.6365] EXEMPTIONS; OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.**

Subdivision 1. **Other professions.** Nothing in sections 148.636 to 148.6377 shall be construed to prohibit, restrict, or regulate the practice of any profession or occupation licensed or registered in the state by an individual licensed or registered to practice the profession or occupation or to perform any act that falls within the scope of practice of the profession or occupation.

Subd. 2. **Complementary and alternative health care practitioner.** Nothing in sections 148.636 to 148.6377 shall be construed to prohibit, restrict, or regulate the practice of any individual who is engaged in providing complementary and alternative health care practices as defined in section 146A.01, subdivision 4, provided that the practitioner does not use a protected title under section 148.6364 or advertise or imply that the practitioner is registered under sections 148.636 to 148.6377.

Sec. 7. **[148.6366] REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION.**

Subdivision 1. **General registration requirements.** (a) To be eligible for registration as a massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist according to sections 148.636 to 148.6377, an applicant must submit to the commissioner:

(1) a completed application on a form provided by the commissioner that includes:

(i) the applicant's name, Social Security number, home address and telephone number, and business address and telephone number;

(ii) a list of credentials held by the applicant in this state or in any other jurisdiction;

(iii) a description of any jurisdiction's refusal to license or credential the applicant;

(iv) a description of all professional disciplinary actions initiated against the applicant in this state or any other jurisdiction;

(v) any misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony convictions; and

(vi) any other additional information requested by the commissioner;

(2) proof, as required by the commissioner, that the applicant has satisfactorily completed a postsecondary massage therapy program or Asian bodywork therapy program through a school or program that:

(i) is licensed by or registered with the Office of Higher Education or has conditional approval for a registered school and provisional license from the Office of Higher Education; and

(ii) meets the education and training requirements described under subdivision 2 or 3;

(3) proof of successful passage of a credentialing examination approved by the commissioner;

(4) proof, as required by the commissioner, of current professional liability insurance coverage or school liability insurance coverage, as applicable, with at least $2,000,000 of coverage per occurrence and $6,000,000 annual aggregate; and

(5) any applicable fees specified in section 148.6377.

(b) The applicant must submit to a criminal background check conducted in accordance with section 144.0572 and pay any fees associated with conducting the criminal background check.

(c) The applicant must sign the application certifying that the information in the application is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge and authorizing the commissioner to obtain access to the applicant's records in this state or any other jurisdiction in which the applicant has engaged in the practice of massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy.

Subd. 2. **Education and training requirements for massage therapy registration.** (a) An applicant for registration as a massage therapist under subdivision 1 whose application is received by the commissioner before July 1, 2031, must submit to the commissioner proof of satisfactorily

completing a postsecondary program that meets the requirements in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), item (i), and includes education and training in:

(1) anatomy;

(2) physiology;

(3) pathology;

(4) massage therapy;

(5) massage therapy history, theory, and research;

(6) professional ethics;

(7) therapeutic interpersonal communications and standards of practice;

(8) business and legal practices related to massage therapy; and

(9) supervised practice demonstrating safe use of equipment and supplies.

(b) An applicant for registration as a massage therapist under subdivision 1 whose application is received by the commissioner on or after July 1, 2031, must submit to the commissioner proof of satisfactorily completing a postsecondary massage therapy program that meets the requirements in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), item (i), and either:

(1) has programmatic accreditation for massage therapy training programs from an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; or

(2) includes at least 625 contact hours of education and training composed of 500 contact hours of instruction in the areas listed in paragraph (a) and 125 contact hours of student clinical practice.

(c) A program may require more than 625 total contact hours of education and training, and may require more than 125 hours of supervised clinical practice, if at least 500 contact hours are devoted to instruction in the subjects listed in paragraph (a).

(d) A student shall not begin a supervised clinical practice of massage therapy without student or professional liability insurance coverage of up to $2,000,000 per occurrence and $6,000,000 annual aggregate. The school or program may offer to the student, the student or professional liability insurance coverage required under this paragraph.

Subd. 3. **Education and training requirements for Asian bodywork therapy registration.** (a) An applicant for registration as an Asian bodywork therapist under subdivision 1 whose application is received by the commissioner before July 1, 2031, must submit to the commissioner proof of satisfactorily completing a postsecondary program that meets the requirements in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), item (i), and includes education and training in:

(1) anatomy;

(2) physiology;

(3) pathology;

(4) Asian bodywork therapy;

(5) traditional Chinese medicine theory;

(6) Asian bodywork history, theory, and research;

(7) professional ethics;

(8) therapeutic interpersonal communications and standards of practice;

(9) business and legal practices related to Asian bodywork therapy; and

(10) supervised practice demonstrating safe use of equipment and supplies.

(b) An applicant for registration as an Asian bodywork therapist under subdivision 1 whose application is received by the commissioner on or after July 1, 2031, must submit to the commissioner proof of satisfactorily completing a postsecondary program that meets the requirements in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), item (i), and either:

(1) has programmatic accreditation for Asian bodywork therapy training programs from an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; or

(2) includes at least 625 contact hours of education and training composed of 500 contact hours of instruction in the areas listed in paragraph (a) and 125 contact hours of student clinical practice.

(c) An Asian bodywork therapy school or program may require more than 625 total contact hours of education and training, and may require more than 125 hours of supervised clinical practice, if at least 500 contact hours are devoted to instruction in the subjects listed in paragraph (a).

(d) A student shall not begin a supervised clinical practice of Asian bodywork therapy without providing proof to the Asian bodywork therapy school or program of professional liability insurance coverage of up to $2,000,000 per occurrence and $6,000,000 annual aggregate. The school or program may offer to the student, the professional liability insurance coverage required under this paragraph.

Subd. 4. **Registration by endorsement.** (a) To be eligible for registration by endorsement, an applicant must:

(1) meet the requirements for registration in subdivision 1 with the exception of subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) and (3);

(2) provide proof as required by the commissioner that the massage therapy training program or Asian bodywork therapy training program at the time of the applicant's enrollment met the postsecondary education requirements in the jurisdiction in which the program was provided; and

(3) provide proof as required by the commissioner, with advice from the advisory council, of a current and unrestricted equivalent credential in another jurisdiction that has qualification requirements at least equivalent to the requirements of sections 148.636 to 148.6377.

(b) Registrations by endorsement expire on the same schedule and must be renewed by the procedures described under section 148.6367, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Registration by prior experience.** (a) To be eligible for registration by prior experience, an applicant must:

(1) meet the requirements for registration in subdivision 1, with the exception of subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) and (3); and

(2) provide proof of experience in the practice of massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy for at least two of the previous five years immediately preceding the registration application date.

(b) Registrations issued under this subdivision expire on the same schedule and must be renewed by the procedures described under section 148.6367, subdivision 2, unless the registration is canceled due to nonrenewal under section 148.6367, subdivision 8, in which case the individual must apply for a new registration under the initial registration requirements in subdivision 1.

(c) The application for registration by prior experience under this subdivision must be received by the commissioner before July 1, 2031.

Subd. 6. **Temporary registration.** (a) The commissioner may issue a temporary registration as a massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist to an applicant eligible for registration under this section if the application for registration is complete, all applicable requirements have been met, and applicable fees have been paid. The temporary registration remains valid until the commissioner takes action on the applicant's application, or 90 days from the temporary registration's issuance, whichever is sooner.

(b) A temporary registration holder is considered a registrant for purposes of sections 148.6369 to 148.6374.

Sec. 8. **[148.6367] REGISTRATION RENEWAL.**

Subdivision 1. **Expiration of registration.** Registrations issued according to sections 148.636 to 148.6377 expire two years from the date of issuance.

Subd. 2. **Renewal.** To be eligible for registration renewal, an applicant must every two years, or as determined by the commissioner, submit to the commissioner:

(1) a completed renewal application on a form provided by the commissioner;

(2) any applicable fees specified in section 148.6377;

(3) proof of current professional liability coverage with at least $2,000,000 of coverage per occurrence and $6,000,000 annual aggregate; and

(4) any additional information requested by the commissioner to clarify information presented in the renewal application. The applicant must submit the information within 30 days after the commissioner's request, or the renewal application is canceled.

Subd. 3. **Continuing education.** (a) A registered massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist must obtain continuing education in the two-year registration period.

(b) The commissioner must establish the number of continuing education hours a registered massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist must complete each registration period and the activities that qualify as continuing education.

(c) A registered massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist:

(1) may complete continuing education in person or online; and

(2) must complete the continuing education hours required in a registration period between the effective date and expiration date of the registration.

Subd. 4. **Change of address.** A registrant or applicant who changes addresses must inform the commissioner in writing within 30 days of the change of address. Notices or other correspondence mailed to or served on a registrant or applicant at the registrant's or applicant's current address on file are considered received by the registrant or applicant.

Subd. 5. **Registration renewal notice.** (a) At least 60 days before the registration's expiration date, the commissioner shall send out a renewal notice to the registrant. The notice must include:

(1) a renewal application;

(2) a notice of fees required for renewal; and

(3) information stating that the registration will expire without further action by the commissioner if a renewal application is not received before the deadline for renewal.

(b) The registrant's failure to receive the renewal notice does not relieve the registrant of the obligation to meet the deadline and other requirements for registration renewal. Failure to receive the notice is not grounds for challenging expiration of the registration.

Subd. 6. **Renewal deadline.** The renewal application and fee must be received by the commissioner or must be postmarked before the registration's expiration date. If the postmark is illegible, the application is timely if received by the third working day after the deadline.

Subd. 7. **Inactive status and return to active status.** (a) A registration may be placed in inactive status upon application to the commissioner by the registrant and upon payment of an inactive status fee as specified in section 148.6377. Failure to pay the annual inactive status fee shall result in a lapse of registration.

(b) A registrant seeking registration restoration to active status from inactive status must:

(1) apply to the commissioner for registration renewal according to subdivision 2;

(2) submit the applicable reactivation fee as specified in section 148.6377; and

(3) if the registration has been in inactive status for more than five years, submit evidence of having received a passing score on a credentialing examination.

Subd. 8. **Registration following lapse for two years or less.** To regain active registration status for a registration that has lapsed for two years or less, the applicant must:

(1) apply to the commissioner for registration renewal according to subdivision 2; and

(2) submit all applicable renewal fees for the period not registered, including the fee for late renewal.

Subd. 9. **Cancellation due to nonrenewal.** The commissioner shall not renew, reissue, reinstate, or restore a registration that has lapsed and has not been renewed within two years. An individual whose registration is canceled for nonrenewal must obtain a new registration by applying for registration and fulfilling all requirements under section 148.6366, subdivision 1, for initial registration as a massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist.

Sec. 9. **[148.6368] COMMISSIONER ACTION ON APPLICATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **General.** (a) The commissioner must act on each application for registration or renewal according to this section.

(b) The commissioner shall determine if the applicant meets the requirements for registration or renewal under section 148.6366 or 148.6367. The commissioner may investigate information provided by an applicant to determine whether the information is accurate and complete and may request additional information or documentation.

(c) The commissioner shall notify each applicant in writing of action taken on the application, the grounds for denying registration if registration is denied, and the applicant's right to review under paragraph (d).

(d) An applicant denied registration may make a written request to the commissioner within 30 days of the commissioner's notice to appear before the advisory council and for the advisory council to review the commissioner's decision to deny registration. After reviewing the denial, the advisory council shall make a recommendation to the commissioner as to whether the denial must be affirmed. Each applicant is allowed only one request for review per registration period.

Subd. 2. **Registration prohibited.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the commissioner shall deny an application for registration if an applicant:

(1) has been convicted in this state of any of the following crimes or of equivalent crimes in another state:

(i) labor or sex trafficking under section 609.281, 609.282, 609.283, or 609.322;

(ii) criminal sexual conduct under sections 609.342 to 609.3451 or 609.3453; or

(iii) a violent crime as defined under section 611A.08, subdivision 6;

(2) is a registered sex offender under section 243.166;

(3) has been subject to disciplinary action under section 146A.09, if the commissioner determines that such denial is necessary to protect the public; or

(4) is charged with or under investigation for a complaint in this state or any other jurisdiction that would constitute a violation of statutes or rules established for massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy registration in this state and the charge or complaint has not been resolved in favor of the applicant.

(b) The commissioner may establish criteria whereby an individual convicted of an offense listed in paragraph (a) may become registered if the criteria:

(1) utilize a rebuttable presumption that the applicant is not suitable for registration;

(2) provide a standard for overcoming the presumption; and

(3) require that a minimum of one year has elapsed since the applicant was released from incarceration or supervisory jurisdiction related to the offense.

(c) The commissioner shall not consider an application under paragraph (b) if the commissioner determines that the victim involved in the offense was a client of the applicant at the time of the offense.

Sec. 10. **[148.6369] GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Grounds listed.** (a) The commissioner may deny, revoke, suspend, limit, or condition the registration of a registrant or may otherwise discipline a registrant. The fact that massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy may be considered a less customary approach to health care must not by itself constitute the basis for disciplinary action.

(b) The following are grounds for disciplinary action regardless of whether injury to a client is established:

(1) failing to demonstrate the qualifications or to satisfy the requirements for registration under sections 148.636 to 148.6377 or rules of the commissioner. In the case of an applicant, the burden of proof is on the applicant to demonstrate the qualifications or satisfy the requirements;

(2) advertising in a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading manner, including but not limited to:

(i) advertising or holding oneself out as a "registered massage therapist," "RMT," "registered Asian bodywork therapist," "RABT," or any abbreviation or derivation thereof to indicate such a title, when such registration is not valid or current for any reason;

(ii) advertising or holding oneself out as a "registered massage therapist," "registered Asian bodywork therapist," or any abbreviation or derivation thereof to indicate such a title, except if the individual holds a registration in another state or jurisdiction and does not provide services in Minnesota;

(iii) advertising a service, the provision of which would constitute a violation of sections 148.636 to 148.6377 or rules established by the commissioner; and

(iv) using fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation when communicating with the general public, health care providers, or other business professionals;

(3) falsifying information in a massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy registration or renewal application; attempting to obtain registration, renewal, or reinstatement by fraud, deception, or misrepresentation; or aiding and abetting any of these acts;

(4) engaging in conduct with a client that is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted by the client as sexual, or engaging in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning to a client, or engaging in sexual exploitation of a client, without regard to who initiates such behaviors;

(5) committing an act of gross malpractice, negligence, or incompetency, or failing to practice massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy with the level of care, skill, and treatment that is recognized by a registrant as being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances;

(6) having an actual or potential inability to practice massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy with reasonable skill and safety to clients by reason of illness, as a result of any mental or physical condition, or use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or any other material. Being adjudicated as mentally incompetent, mentally ill, a chemically dependent person, or a person dangerous to the public by a court of competent jurisdiction, inside or outside of this state, may be considered evidence of an inability to practice massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy;

(7) being the subject of disciplinary action as a massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist in another state or jurisdiction if the commissioner or advisory council determines that the cause of the disciplinary action would be a violation under this state's statutes or rules of the commissioner had the violation occurred in this state;

(8) failing to notify the commissioner of revocation or suspension of a credential, or any other disciplinary action taken by this or any other state, territory, or country, including any restrictions on the right to practice; or the surrender or voluntary termination of a credential during a commissioner investigation of a complaint, as part of a disciplinary order, or while under a disciplinary order;

(9) conviction of a crime, including a finding or verdict of guilt, an admission of guilt, or a no-contest plea, in any court in Minnesota or any other jurisdiction in the United States, reasonably related to engaging in massage therapy practices or Asian bodywork therapy practices. Conviction, as used in this clause, includes a conviction for an offense that, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, gross misdemeanor, or misdemeanor regardless of its designation elsewhere, or a criminal proceeding where a finding or verdict of guilty is made or returned but the adjudication of guilt is either withheld or not entered;

(10) if a registrant is on probation, failing to abide by terms of probation;

(11) practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope of the practice of massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy;

(12) managing client records and information improperly, including but not limited to failing to maintain adequate client records, comply with a client's request made according to sections 144.291 to 144.298, or furnish a client record or report required by law;

(13) revealing a privileged communication from or relating to a client except when otherwise required or permitted by law;

(14) providing massage therapy services or Asian bodywork therapy services that are linked to the financial gain of a referral source;

(15) obtaining money, property, or services from a client, other than reasonable fees for services provided to the client, through the use of undue influence, harassment, duress, deception, or fraud;

(16) engaging in abusive or fraudulent billing practices, including violations of federal Medicare and Medicaid laws or state medical assistance laws;

(17) failing to consult with a client's health care provider who prescribed a course of massage therapy treatment or Asian bodywork therapy treatment if the treatment needs to be altered from the original written order to conform with standards in the massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy field or the registrant's level of training or experience;

(18) failing to cooperate with an investigation of the commissioner or the commissioner's representatives, including failing to: respond fully and promptly to any question raised by or on behalf of the commissioner relating to the subject of the investigation; execute all releases requested by the commissioner; provide copies of client records as reasonably requested by the commissioner to assist in the commissioner's investigation; and appear at conferences or hearings scheduled by the commissioner or the commissioner's staff;

(19) interfering with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding, including by willful misrepresentation of facts or by the use of threats or harassment to prevent a person from providing evidence in a disciplinary proceeding or any legal action;

(20) violating a statute, rule, order, or agreement for corrective action that the commissioner issued or is otherwise authorized or empowered to enforce;

(21) aiding or abetting a person in violating sections 148.636 to 148.6377;

(22) failing to report to the commissioner other massage therapists and Asian bodywork therapists who commit violations of sections 148.636 to 148.6377; and

(23) failing to notify the commissioner in writing of the entry of a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction against the registrant for malpractice of massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy, or any settlement by the registrant in response to charges or allegations of malpractice of massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy. The notice must be provided to the commissioner within 60 days after the entry of a judgment or date of settlement, and must contain the name of the court, case number, and the names of all parties to the action.

Subd. 2. **Evidence.** In disciplinary actions alleging a violation of subdivision 1, a copy of the judgment or proceeding under the seal of the court administrator or of the administrative agency must be admissible into evidence without further authentication and must constitute prima facie evidence of the violation.

Subd. 3. **Examination; access to medical data.** (a) The commissioner may take the following actions if the commissioner has probable cause to believe that grounds for disciplinary action exist under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (6).

(b) The commissioner may direct the applicant or registrant to submit to a mental or physical examination or substance use disorder evaluation. For the purpose of this subdivision, when an applicant or registrant is directed in writing by the commissioner to submit to a mental or physical examination or substance use disorder evaluation, that applicant or registrant is considered to have consented and to have waived all objections to admissibility on the grounds of privilege. Failure of the applicant or registrant to submit to an examination when directed constitutes an admission of the allegations against the applicant or registrant, unless the failure was due to circumstances beyond the applicant's or registrant's control, and the commissioner may enter a default and final order without taking testimony or allowing evidence to be presented. A registrant affected under this paragraph shall, at reasonable intervals, be given an opportunity to demonstrate that the registrant can resume the competent practice of massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy with reasonable skill and safety to clients. Neither the record of proceedings nor the orders entered by the commissioner in a proceeding under this paragraph may be used against a registrant in any other proceeding.

(c) The commissioner may, notwithstanding section 13.384, 144.651, or 595.02, or any other law limiting access to medical or other health data, obtain medical data and health records relating to an applicant or registrant without the applicant's or registrant's consent. The medical data may be requested from a provider, as defined in section 144.291, subdivision 2, paragraph (i); an insurance company; or a government agency, including the Department of Human Services and Direct Care and Treatment. A provider, insurance company, or government agency shall comply with any written request of the commissioner under this subdivision and is not liable in any action for damages for releasing the data requested by the commissioner if the data are released pursuant to a written request under this subdivision unless the information is false and the provider giving the information knew, or had reason to believe, the information was false. Information obtained under this subdivision is classified as private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02.

Sec. 11. **[148.6370] DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Forms of disciplinary action.** When the commissioner finds that grounds for disciplinary action exist under section 148.6369, subdivision 1, the commissioner may take one or more of the following actions:

(1) deny the registration;

(2) revoke the registration;

(3) suspend the registration;

(4) impose limitations on the practice of massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy, including but not limited to limitation of scope of practice or a requirement to practice under supervision;

(5) impose conditions on the retention of a registration, including but not limited to imposing retraining or rehabilitation requirements or conditioning continued practice on a demonstration of knowledge or skills by appropriate examination, monitoring, or other review;

(6) impose a civil penalty not exceeding $10,000 for each separate violation, the amount of the civil penalty (i) to be fixed as to deprive the massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist of any

economic advantage gained by reason of the violation charged, (ii) to reimburse the commissioner for the cost of counsel, investigation, and proceeding, and (iii) to discourage repeated violations;

(7) order the registrant to provide unremunerated service;

(8) censure or reprimand the registrant; or

(9) any other action justified by the facts of the case.

Subd. 2. **Automatic suspension.** (a) Unless the commissioner orders otherwise, a registration is automatically suspended if:

(1) a guardian for the registrant is appointed by order of a court under sections 524.5-101 to 524.5-502;

(2) the registrant is committed by order of a court under chapter 253B; or

(3) the registrant is determined to be mentally incompetent, mentally ill, chemically dependent, or a person dangerous to the public by a court of competent jurisdiction within or outside this state.

(b) A registration suspended under this subdivision remains suspended until the registrant is restored to capacity by a court and, upon petition by the registrant, the suspension is terminated by the commissioner after a hearing or upon agreement between the commissioner and the registrant.

Subd. 3. **Temporary suspension.** In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the commissioner, acting through a person to whom the commissioner has delegated this authority and without a hearing, may temporarily suspend the registration of a massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist if the commissioner's delegate finds that the registrant has violated a statute or rule that the commissioner is empowered to enforce and that continued practice would create a serious risk of harm to others. The suspension is in effect upon service of a written order on the registrant specifying the statute or rule violated. The order remains in effect until the commissioner issues a final order in the matter after a hearing or upon agreement between the commissioner and the registrant. Service of the order is effective if the order is served on the registrant or counsel of record personally or by first class mail. Within ten days of service of the order, the commissioner shall hold a hearing on the sole issue of whether there is a reasonable basis to continue, modify, or lift the suspension. Evidence presented by the commissioner or registrant shall be in affidavit form only. The registrant or the counsel of record may appear for oral argument. Within five working days after the hearing, the commissioner shall issue the commissioner's order and, if the suspension is continued, schedule a contested case hearing within 45 days after issuance of the order. The administrative law judge shall issue a report within 30 days after closing of the contested case hearing record. The commissioner shall issue a final order within 30 days after receipt of that report.

Subd. 4. **Hearings.** If the commissioner proposes to take action against the applicant or registrant as described in subdivision 1, the commissioner must first notify the applicant or registrant against whom the action is proposed to be taken and provide the applicant or registrant with an opportunity to request a hearing under the contested case provisions of chapter 14. If the applicant or registrant does not request a hearing by notifying the commissioner within 30 days after service of the notice of the proposed action, the commissioner may proceed with the action without a hearing.

Subd. 5. **Reissuance.** The commissioner may reinstate and reissue a registration, but as a condition may impose any disciplinary or corrective measure that the commissioner might originally have imposed. Any person whose registration has been revoked, suspended, or limited may have the registration reinstated when, in the discretion of the commissioner, the action is warranted, provided that the person shall be required by the commissioner to pay the costs of the proceedings resulting in the revocation, suspension, or limitation of the registration and reinstatement of the registration and to pay the fee for the current registration period. The cost of proceedings shall include but not be limited to the cost paid by the commissioner to the Court of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General for legal and investigative services, the costs of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, and Department of Health staff time, travel, and expenses.

Sec. 12. **[148.6371] REPORTING OBLIGATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Permission to report.** A person who has knowledge of any conduct constituting grounds for disciplinary action relating to massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy under sections 148.636 to 148.6377 may report the violation to the commissioner.

Subd. 2. **Institutions.** A state agency, political subdivision, agency of a local unit of government, private agency, hospital, clinic, prepaid medical plan, or other health care institution or organization located in this state shall report to the commissioner any action taken by the agency, institution, or organization or any of its administrators or medical or other committees to revoke, suspend, restrict, or condition a registrant's privilege to practice or treat clients in the institution or, as part of the organization, any denial of privileges or any other disciplinary action for conduct that might constitute grounds for disciplinary action under sections 148.636 to 148.6377. The institution, organization, or governmental entity shall also report the resignation of a registrant prior to the conclusion of any disciplinary action proceeding for conduct that might constitute grounds for disciplinary action under sections 148.636 to 148.6377 or prior to the commencement of formal charges but after the registrant had knowledge that formal charges were contemplated or were being prepared.

Subd. 3. **Professional societies.** A state or local professional society for massage therapists or Asian bodywork therapists shall report to the commissioner any termination, revocation, or suspension of membership or any other disciplinary action taken against a registrant. If the society has received a complaint that might be grounds for disciplinary action under sections 148.636 to 148.6377 against a member for whom the society has not taken any disciplinary action, the society shall report the complaint and the reason the society has not taken action on the complaint to the commissioner, or shall direct the complainant to the commissioner.

Subd. 4. **Licensed health professionals.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "client" means an individual receiving health services from a licensed health professional.

(b) A licensed health professional shall report to the commissioner personal knowledge of any conduct by a registrant that the licensed health professional reasonably believes constitutes grounds for disciplinary action under sections 148.636 to 148.6377, including conduct indicating that the individual may be incompetent or may be mentally or physically unable to engage safely in the provision of services. If the information was obtained in the course of a client relationship, the client is a registrant, and the treating individual successfully counsels the client to limit or withdraw from

practice to the extent required by the impairment, the commissioner may deem this limitation of or withdrawal from practice to be sufficient disciplinary action.

Subd. 5. **Insurers.** (a) Four times each year as prescribed by the commissioner, each insurer authorized to sell insurance described in section 60A.06, subdivision 1, clause (13), that provided professional liability insurance to massage therapists or Asian bodywork therapists or the Joint Underwriting Association under chapter 62I shall submit to the commissioner a report concerning the registrants against whom malpractice settlements or awards have been made. The report must contain at least the following information:

(1) the total number of malpractice settlements or awards made;

(2) the dates the malpractice settlements or awards were made;

(3) the allegations contained in the claims or complaints leading to the settlements or awards made;

(4) the dollar amount of each malpractice settlement or award;

(5) the regular address of the practice of each registrant against whom an award was made or with whom a settlement was made; and

(6) the name of each registrant against whom an award was made or with whom a settlement was made.

(b) In addition to the information specified in paragraph (a), the insurer shall submit to the commissioner any information, records, and files, including client charts and records, the insurer possesses that tend to substantiate a charge that a registrant may have engaged in conduct that violates sections 148.636 to 148.6377.

Subd. 6. **Courts.** The court administrator of district court or any other court of competent jurisdiction shall report to the commissioner any judgment or other determination of the court that adjudges or includes a finding that a registrant is mentally ill, mentally incompetent, guilty of a felony, guilty of a violation of federal or state narcotics laws or controlled substances act, or guilty of abuse or fraud under Medicare or Medicaid; that appoints a guardian of a registrant under sections 524.5-101 to 524.5-502; or that commits a registrant under chapter 253B.

Subd. 7. **Self-reporting.** A registrant shall report to the commissioner:

(1) any personal action that would require a report to be filed under subdivisions 2 to 5 by any person, health care facility, business, or organization;

(2) the revocation, suspension, restriction, limitation, or other disciplinary action against the registrant's license, certificate, registration, or right of practice in another state or jurisdiction for offenses that would subject the registrant to disciplinary action in this state; and

(3) the filing of charges regarding their license, certificate, registration, or right of practice in another state or jurisdiction.

Subd. 8. **Deadlines; forms.** Reports required in subdivisions 2 to 5 and 7 must be submitted no later than 30 days after the reporter learns of the occurrence of the reportable event or transaction. The commissioner may provide forms for the submission of reports required in this section, may require reports to be submitted on the forms provided, and may adopt rules necessary to ensure prompt and accurate reporting.

Sec. 13. **[148.6372] IMMUNITY.**

Subdivision 1. **Reporting.** Any health care facility, business, organization, or person, other than the registrant who committed the violation, is immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution for submitting a report to the commissioner, for otherwise reporting to the commissioner violations or alleged violations of sections 148.636 to 148.6377, or for cooperating with an investigation of a report, except as provided in this subdivision. Any person who knowingly or recklessly makes a false report is liable in a civil suit for any damages suffered by the person or persons so reported and for any punitive damages set by the court or jury. An action requires clear and convincing evidence that the defendant made the statement with knowledge of falsity or with reckless disregard for its truth or falsity. The report or statement or any statement made in cooperation with an investigation or as part of a disciplinary proceeding is privileged except in an action brought under this subdivision.

Subd. 2. **Investigation.** The commissioner and employees of the Department of Health and other persons engaged in the investigation of violations and in the preparation, presentation, and management of and testimony pertaining to charges of violations of sections 148.636 to 148.6377 are immune from civil liability and criminal prosecution for any actions, transactions, or publications in the execution of, or relating to, their duties under sections 148.636 to 148.6377.

Sec. 14. **[148.6373] COOPERATION.**

(a) A registrant who is the subject of an investigation by or on behalf of the commissioner shall cooperate fully with the investigation. Cooperation includes:

(1) responding fully and promptly to any question raised by or on behalf of the commissioner relating to the subject of the investigation;

(2) providing copies of client or other records in the registrant's possession, as reasonably requested by the commissioner, to assist the commissioner in the investigation; and

(3) appearing at conferences and hearings scheduled by the commissioner.

(b) The commissioner shall pay for copies requested. If the commissioner does not have a written consent from a client permitting access to the client's records, the registrant shall delete any data in the record that identify the client before providing data to the commissioner. The commissioner shall maintain any records obtained pursuant to this section as investigative data under chapter 13. The registrant shall not be excused from giving testimony or producing any documents, books, records, or correspondence on the grounds of self-incrimination, but the testimony or evidence may not be used against the registrant in any criminal case.

Sec. 15. **[148.6374] DISCIPLINARY RECORD ON JUDICIAL REVIEW.**

Upon judicial review of any disciplinary action taken by the commissioner under sections 148.636 to 148.6377, the reviewing court shall seal the administrative record, except for the commissioner's final decision, and shall not make the administrative record available to the public.

Sec. 16. **[148.6375] EFFECT ON MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES.**

Subdivision 1. **License authority.** Effective July 1, 2028, sections 148.636 to 148.6377 preempt the licensure and regulation of massage therapists or Asian bodywork therapists by a municipality, including, without limitation, conducting a criminal background investigation and examination of a massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist, or applicant for a municipality's credential to practice massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy.

Subd. 2. **Municipal regulation.** Sections 148.636 to 148.6377 do not limit a municipality from:

(1) requiring a massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy establishment to obtain a business license or permit to conduct business in the municipality; or

(2) conducting a criminal background investigation on any owners of a massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy establishment who are not registered massage therapists or registered Asian bodywork therapists.

Sec. 17. **[148.6376] MASSAGE THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation; membership.** (a) The Massage Therapy Advisory Council is created and is composed of five members appointed by the commissioner. All members must have resided in this state for at least three years immediately preceding appointment. The advisory council consists of:

(1) two public members, as defined in section 214.02; and

(2) three members who are registered under sections 148.636 to 148.6377, two of whom must be registered massage therapists.

(b) No more than one member of the advisory council may be an owner or administrator of a massage therapy education provider.

Subd. 2. **Administration.** The advisory council is established and administered under section 15.059.

Subd. 3. **Chair.** The advisory council shall elect a chair from among its members.

Subd. 4. **Duties.** The advisory council shall:

(1) advise the commissioner on establishing standards of practice and a code of ethics for registered massage therapists and Asian bodywork therapists;

(2) advise the commissioner on distributing information regarding massage therapy and Asian bodywork therapy practice standards;

(3) establish educational requirements, approve massage therapy and Asian bodywork therapy schools or programs, and conduct or provide for surveys of schools, programs, and courses; and

(4) perform other duties authorized for advisory councils under chapter 214, as directed by the commissioner.

Subd. 5. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, the advisory council does not expire.

Sec. 18. **[148.6377] FEES.**

Subdivision 1. **Fees.** Fees are as follows:

(1) initial registration with application fee must not exceed $285;

(2) biennial registration renewal fee must not exceed $185;

(3) late fee, $50;

(4) annual inactive status, $50;

(5) inactive to active status reactivation, $50;

(6) temporary registration, $50; and

(7) returned check, $35.

Subd. 2. **Late renewal fee.** An application for registration renewal submitted after the deadline must be accompanied by a late fee in addition to the required fees.

Subd. 3. **Nonrefundable fees.** All of the fees in this section are nonrefundable.

Subd. 4. **Deposit.** Fees collected by the commissioner under this section must be deposited into the state government special revenue fund.

Sec. 19. **INITIAL MASSAGE THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

Subdivision 1. **Initial member appointments.** The commissioner of health shall make the initial appointments to the Massage Therapy Advisory Council authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section 148.6376, by January 1, 2027. The initial therapist members appointed to the advisory council need not be registered under Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.636 to 148.6377, prior to initial appointment, but must be a practicing massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist with at least five years of experience in the practice of massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy. A massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist initially appointed to the advisory council must become registered under Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.636 to 148.6377, by January 1, 2028. If the massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist member does not become registered by January 1, 2028, the member must be removed from the advisory council by the commissioner and a new member who is registered under Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.636 to 148.6377, must be appointed by the commissioner.

Subd. 2. **First advisory council meeting; initial chair.** The commissioner of health shall designate one member from the initial appointments to call the first meeting of the advisory council. The first meeting must be convened by May 15, 2027. The advisory council shall elect a chair from its members at the first advisory council meeting.

Sec. 20. **APPROPRIATION.**

$..... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the state government special revenue fund to the commissioner of health to implement Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.636 to 148.6377.

ARTICLE 2

CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144.0572, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Criminal history background check requirements.** (a) ~~Beginning January 1, 2018,~~ An applicant for initial licensure, temporary licensure, or relicensure after a lapse in licensure as an audiologist ~~or~~, a speech-language pathologist, or a speech-language pathology assistant~~,~~; an applicant for initial massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist registration; or an applicant for initial certification as a hearing instrument dispenser, must submit to a criminal history records check of state data completed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and a national criminal history records check, including a search of the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

(b) Beginning January 1, 2020, an applicant for a renewal license or certificate as an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or hearing instrument dispenser who was licensed or obtained a certificate before January 1, 2018, must submit to a criminal history records check of state data completed by the BCA and a national criminal history records check, including a search of the records of the FBI.

(c) An applicant must submit to a background study under chapter 245C.

(d) The criminal history records check must be structured so that any new crimes that an applicant ~~or~~, licensee, registrant, or certificate holder commits after the initial background check are flagged in the BCA's or FBI's database and reported back to the commissioner of human services.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 146A.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Exchanging information.** (a) The office shall establish internal operating procedures for:

(1) exchanging information with state boards; agencies, including the Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities; health-related and law enforcement facilities; departments responsible for licensing health-related occupations, facilities, and programs; and law enforcement personnel in this and other states; and

(2) coordinating investigations involving matters within the jurisdiction of more than one regulatory agency.

(b) The procedures for exchanging information must provide for the forwarding to the entities described in paragraph (a), clause (1), of information and evidence, including the results of investigations, that are relevant to matters within the regulatory jurisdiction of the organizations in paragraph (a). The data have the same classification in the hands of the agency receiving the data as they have in the hands of the agency providing the data.

(c) The office shall establish procedures for exchanging information with other states regarding disciplinary action against unlicensed complementary and alternative health care practitioners.

(d) The office shall forward to another governmental agency any complaints received by the office that do not relate to the office's jurisdiction but that relate to matters within the jurisdiction of the other governmental agency. The agency to which a complaint is forwarded shall advise the office of the disposition of the complaint. A complaint or other information received by another governmental agency relating to a statute or rule that the office is empowered to enforce must be forwarded to the office to be processed in accordance with this section.

(e) The office shall furnish to a person who made a complaint a description of the actions of the office relating to the complaint.

(f) Effective July 1, 2028, upon request by the commissioner, the office must share all complaint, investigatory, and disciplinary data regarding a named individual who has practiced or is practicing massage therapy or Asian bodywork therapy as an unlicensed complementary and alternative health care practitioner.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 146A.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. **Registered massage therapists and Asian bodywork therapists.** Effective July 1, 2028, a person whose registration as a massage therapist or Asian bodywork therapist under sections 148.636 to 148.6377 has been suspended or revoked by the commissioner of health must not practice as an unlicensed complementary and alternative health care practitioner under this chapter during a period of suspension or revocation."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "licensure" and insert "registration"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Marty from the Committee on Finance, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 3832: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying eligibility for the Dairy Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative (DAIRI) program; amending Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, as amended.

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

Senator Marty from the Committee on Finance, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 3857: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money from environment and natural resources trust fund; extending certain prior appropriations; modifying conflict of interest provisions for members of Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources; repealing requirement for commissioner approval of certain land acquisitions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116P.09, subdivision 6; 116P.18; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116P.17.

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

Page 51, after line 13, insert:

"Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116X.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Fraud prevention.** (a) In awarding a grant under this section, the commissioner must:

(1) ensure that the grant is subject to and complies with the requirements of sections 16B.97 to 16B.991;

(2) complete a preaward risk assessment;

(3) conduct a financial reconciliation for a sample of expenditures for the grant;

(4) require each grantee that the preaward risk assessment required under clause (2) demonstrates has an elevated risk to submit biannual progress reports; and

(5) where the preaward risk assessment required under clause (2) demonstrates that it is necessary, ensure that any grant money distributed in the form of advance payments is protected through some combination of surety bonds, the participation of an eligible fiscal agent, or other suitable mechanisms.

(b) In administering the grant program established under this section, the commissioner must:

(1) establish a maximum grant size that can be awarded under the program;

(2) require in-person monitoring visits where and as often as the amount, complexity, or risk of the grant warrant; and

(3) ensure that Department of Natural Resources staff that oversee grants receive annual training on financial reconciliation and fraud prevention."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 5, after the semicolon, insert "enacting fraud prevention measures;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 3980, 3868, 3832, and 3857 were read the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Hauschild introduced--

S.F. No. 4384: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Duluth North Shore Sanitary District; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 4385: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for the historic Denfeld pipe organ.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Pratt, Jasinski, Coleman, Housley, and Kreun introduced--

S.F. No. 4386: A bill for an act relating to transit; prohibiting the Metropolitan Council from issuing certificates of participation in certain situations; requiring host counties to fund specified aspects of guideways; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.39, subdivision 7; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Johnson Stewart and Jasinski introduced--

S.F. No. 4387: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; establishing winter sports conservation special license plates; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4388: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing early childhood mental health consultation grants; modifying protection-related rights for home and community-based services; modifying day treatment program requirements; modifying intensive rehabilitative mental health services; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 245D.04, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0947, subdivision 5; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 245.4889, subdivision 1; 256B.0943, subdivisions 1, 9; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Rasmusson, Lieske, Drazkowski, and Bahr introduced--

S.F. No. 4389: A bill for an act relating to human services; making persons convicted of a crime of violence ineligible for MFIP, medical assistance, economic assistance and food support, and MinnesotaCare; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 142G.18, by adding a subdivision; 256B.055, subdivision 14, by adding a subdivision; 256D.024, by adding a subdivision; 256L.04, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142G.18, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Rasmusson introduced--

S.F. No. 4390: A bill for an act relating to insurance; establishing a supplemental health insurance product to cover short-term home health and nursing care; providing civil penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 62A.135, subdivision 1; 62A.46, subdivision 2; 72A.13, subdivision 1; 256B.0913, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Jasinski introduced--

S.F. No. 4391: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a maintenance facility in the city of Medford; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Putnam and Port introduced--

S.F. No. 4392: A bill for an act relating to taxation; statewide local housing aid; expanding eligible uses of aid; modifying the deadline to spend aid on certain eligible uses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 477A.36, subdivisions 4, 6; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 477A.36, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 4393: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; prohibiting certain retailers from obtaining an ownership interest in livestock dealers or meat packing companies; prohibiting certain exclusive contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 17A.03, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 17A.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators Port, Boldon, and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 4394: A bill for an act relating to housing; modifying housing provisions; modifying certain wage provisions; clarifying eligible uses for certain housing aid funds; eliminating requirements for reporting on certain emergency rental assistance; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 462A.40, subdivision 3; 477A.36, subdivision 5a; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 477A.35, subdivision 5; 477A.36, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 462A.2096.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 4395: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying home and community-based services case management; establishing a waiver case management quality working group; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256S.07, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 256B.092, subdivision 1a; 256B.49, subdivision 13.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Mathews, Weber, Kreun, Limmer, and Dornink introduced--

S.F. No. 4396: A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing the crime of disruption of worship services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.28, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4397: A bill for an act relating to children, youth, and families; modifying grants to youth intervention programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142A.43.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 4398: A bill for an act relating to taxation; insurance; modifying the automobile theft prevention surcharge and dedication of certain revenues; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297I.11, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 297I.11, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 4399: A bill for an act relating to state-operated human services; modifying Direct Care and Treatment data requirements; establishing classification alignment for Direct Care and Treatment employees; modifying Direct Care and Treatment procedures for patient consent to

medical procedures; modifying voluntary patient transfer procedures; making technical corrections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.7381; 13.04, subdivision 4a; 13.384, subdivision 1; 13.46, subdivision 1; 182.6545; 253B.03, subdivision 6; 253B.18, subdivision 14; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 13.46, subdivision 2; 253B.18, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 246C.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 4400: A bill for an act relating to public finance; reducing the aggregate bond limitation applicable to the allocation of private activity bonds for qualifying residential rental projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 474A.02, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 4401: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; modifying studies and an annual market analysis conducted by the Office of Cannabis Management; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 342.04.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 4402: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; providing that data reported to the Office of Cannabis Management through statewide monitoring system is not public data; modifying provisions related to public data on cannabis business license applicants and license holders; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 342.20, subdivisions 1, 2, 3.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 4403: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; making technical changes to cannabis business licensing provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 342.02, subdivision 2; 342.23, subdivision 5; 342.27, subdivision 2; 342.37, subdivision 1; 342.39, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 342.12; 342.14, subdivision 3; 342.16; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 151.72, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 5b, 5c, 6, 7; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 151.72, subdivisions 3, 5a.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Kreun introduced--

S.F. No. 4404: A bill for an act relating to jails; providing medications for persons detained in jails; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 241.021, subdivision 4f.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Jasinski and McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 4405: A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing Minnesota Main Streets special license plates; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Westlin and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 4406: A bill for an act relating to insurance; prohibiting certain exclusions in homeowner's insurance policies when damage is done by a peace officer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 65A.27, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 65A.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 4407: A bill for an act relating to human services; extending the availability of an existing appropriation for the direct care services corps pilot project; amending Laws 2023, chapter 61, article 1, section 67, subdivision 3, as amended; article 9, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 4408: A bill for an act relating to taxation; local government aids; establishing Capitol complex county host program aid; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 477A.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 4409: A bill for an act relating to corrections; expanding conditional medical release to include geriatric and nonmedical release; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 244.05, by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 4410: A bill for an act relating to retirement; Teachers Retirement Association; St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association; modifying definition of teacher; requiring refunds of employee contributions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 354.05, subdivision 2; 354A.011, subdivision 27.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Johnson and Wesenberg introduced--

S.F. No. 4411: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying requirements for shelters left on ice overnight; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97C.355, subdivision 7a.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Lieske, Hoffman, Kreun, Housley, and Coleman introduced--

S.F. No. 4412: A bill for an act relating to data practices; requiring a written request for access to residential addresses of elected officials and candidates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.601, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 4413: A bill for an act relating to public safety; modifying circumstances when a person may conceal their identity in public and creating specific exceptions for law enforcement officers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.735.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 4414: A bill for an act relating to education finance; expanding the uses of operating capital revenue to include utility costs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 126C.10, subdivision 14.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 4415: A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing the Council on Central and Eastern European Affairs; requiring reports; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4416: A bill for an act relating to health; changing immunization provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 121A.15, subdivisions 9, 12; 135A.14, subdivision 7; repealing Minnesota Rules, part 4604.0200, subpart 2a.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Weber, Dahms, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 4417: A bill for an act relating to taxation; local sales and use; authorizing the city of Windom to impose a local sales and use tax.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4418: A bill for an act relating to health; allowing access to certain information; removing references to chapter 144D; requiring documentation on use of patient restraints; clarifying change of ownership provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 144.56, subdivision 2b; 144.586, subdivision 2; 144.6502, subdivision 1; 144A.161, subdivision 1a; 144A.472, subdivision 5; 144A.72, subdivision 2; 144G.08, by adding subdivisions; 144G.19, by adding a subdivision; 144G.31, subdivision 6; 157.17, subdivisions 2, 5; 295.50, subdivision 4; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 144A.474, subdivision 11; 295.50, subdivision 9b; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144G.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4419: A bill for an act relating to health; making changes to provisions covering prescription drug prior authorizations, transactions with group purchasers, prescription drug price transparency, health maintenance organizations, network design, coverage for immunizations, access to certain data collected, and obsolete language; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.7191, subdivision 4; 60D.15, subdivision 3; 60D.21, subdivisions 1, 3; 60D.23; 62D.02, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision; 62D.08, subdivisions 5, 6; 62D.09, subdivisions 1, 5; 62D.124, subdivision 6; 62D.221, subdivision 1; 62J.17, subdivision 6a; 62J.2930, subdivision 1; 62J.497, subdivision 5; 62J.536, subdivision 2a; 62K.02, subdivision 2; 62K.03, subdivision 6; 62K.075; 62K.105; 62K.14; 62M.07, subdivision 2; 62Q.46, subdivision 1; 62U.04, subdivision 13; 62W.06, by adding a subdivision; 144.293, subdivision 7; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 3.732, subdivision 1; 62J.84, subdivisions 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; 62K.10, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13D.08, subdivision 4; 62D.08, subdivision 7; 62D.181; 62J.06; 62J.156; 62J.2930, subdivision 4; 62J.57.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Hauschild and McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 4420: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for local recreation grants; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Wesenberg, Lucero, Drazkowski, and Bahr introduced--

S.F. No. 4421: A bill for an act relating to children; repealing the child care assistance program; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.461, subdivisions 7b, 28; 142C.01; 142C.02; 142C.03; 142C.04; 142C.05; 142C.06, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 142C.07; 142C.08; 142C.09; 142C.10; 142C.11, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10; 142C.12, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 7; 142C.13; 142C.14; 142C.15; 142C.16; 142C.17; 142C.18; 142E.01, subdivisions 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28; 142E.02, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9; 142E.021; 142E.03, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6; 142E.04; 142E.05; 142E.06; 142E.07; 142E.08; 142E.09; 142E.10; 142E.11, subdivisions 3, 4; 142E.12; 142E.13, subdivision 1; 142E.14; 142E.15, subdivision 2; 142E.16, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9; 142E.17, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10; 142E.18; 142E.19, subdivision 4; 142E.50, subdivisions 1, 4, 7; 142E.51, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 7; 142E.52; 142E.53; 142E.54; 142E.55; 142E.56, subdivisions 1, 2; 142E.57; 142G.21, subdivision 12; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 142C.06, subdivision 4; 142C.11, subdivision 8; 142C.12, subdivisions 1, 6; 142E.01, subdivisions 5a, 8a, 8b, 15a, 17a, 19a, 19b, 22a, 23a, 26; 142E.03, subdivision 3; 142E.11, subdivisions 1, 2; 142E.13, subdivision 2; 142E.15, subdivision 1; 142E.16, subdivisions 3, 7; 142E.17, subdivision 9; 142E.19, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 142E.20; 142E.51, subdivisions 2, 5, 6, 6a.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Lang, Koran, Pratt, and Weber introduced--

S.F. No. 4422: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring mandatory reports to be submitted to members of legislative committees electronically; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 3.195, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Pratt, Rarick, Draheim, and Holmstrom introduced--

S.F. No. 4423: A bill for an act relating to education finance; requiring a length of time to elapse before a new education mandate takes effect; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 127A.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 4424: A bill for an act relating to economic development; designating the city of Sartell as a Destination Medical Center Community; establishing a medical enterprise zone; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 469.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Rarick introduced--

S.F. No. 4425: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; removing certain lawn care services from the tax base; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297A.61, subdivision 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 297A.67, subdivision 25; 297A.68, subdivision 40.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Pratt, Dibble, Abeler, Johnson Stewart, and Jasinski introduced--

S.F. No. 4426: A bill for an act relating to transportation; providing for a speech condition identifier on drivers' licenses and Minnesota identification cards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.07, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Housley and Draheim introduced--

S.F. No. 4427: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; requiring a report to the legislature recommending appropriations from the workforce development fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.665, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Farnsworth introduced--

S.F. No. 4428: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a new facility for the Minnesota Discovery Center in the city of Chisholm; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Port and Klein introduced--

S.F. No. 4429: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; modifying cannabis business and hemp business license provisions; modifying labeling requirements for cannabinoid products and lower-potency hemp edibles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 342.44, subdivision 2; 342.63, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; 342.66, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 342.43, subdivision 2; 342.63, subdivisions 2, 3, 5.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Westlin and Latz introduced--

S.F. No. 4430: A bill for an act relating to public safety; prohibiting certain ICE and Border Patrol agents from being hired by law enforcement agencies; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Maye Quade, Duckworth, Cwodzinski, and Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 4431: A bill for an act relating to education; modifying teacher licensure provisions; modifying maltreatment reporting requirements; modifying licensing data classification; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.41, by adding a subdivision; 122A.20, subdivision 2; 127A.42, subdivision 2; 127A.43; 260E.12, subdivision 1; 260E.35, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Kreun introduced--

S.F. No. 4432: A bill for an act relating to real property; clarifying that courts are not prohibited from applying equitable principles to enforce certain documents; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 507.02.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Kupec, Jasinski, and Duckworth introduced--

S.F. No. 4433: A bill for an act relating to civil law; providing racing facilities with immunity from nuisance claims; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 561.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Limmer, Holmstrom, Housley, Nelson, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 4434: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; establishing THC potency limits for cannabis concentrate, cannabis flower, topical or transdermal cannabis products, and topical or transdermal hemp products; requiring warning notices at retail locations of cannabis and hemp businesses; requiring warning statements on labeling affixed to cannabis and hemp products; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 342.01, by adding subdivisions; 342.06, subdivision 1; 342.27, subdivision 6; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 342.63, subdivisions 2, 3.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Jasinski introduced--

S.F. No. 4435: A bill for an act relating to drivers' licenses; requiring persons under 21 years of age to complete driver education course before obtaining a driver's license; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.04, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Lang introduced--

S.F. No. 4436: A bill for an act relating to lawful gambling; permitting lessor employees to participate in pull-tab games when off duty; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349.181, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Hoffman and Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 4437: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying fees recoverable by a coroner or medical examiner; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 390.15.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4438: A bill for an act relating to vocational rehabilitation; requiring rulemaking expanding eligibility for the extended employment program.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Johnson Stewart introduced--

S.F. No. 4439: A bill for an act relating to taxation; proposing a plastic bottle excise tax; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 297H.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Seeberger and Kreun introduced--

S.F. No. 4440: A bill for an act relating to peace officers; clarifying powers exclusive to law enforcement officers; clarifying the authority to investigate the unauthorized practice of law enforcement duties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 626.862; 626.863.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Pha moved that the name of Senator Port be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1671. The motion prevailed.

Senator Port moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2975. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the name of Senator Fateh be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3098. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappas moved that the name of Senator Nelson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3191. The motion prevailed.

Senator Housley moved that the name of Senator Kreun be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3361. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Latz be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3717. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kupec moved that the name of Senator Putnam be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3873. The motion prevailed.

Senator Seeberger moved that the name of Senator Duckworth be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3957. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the name of Senator Coleman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4045. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4102. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4105. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4213. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hemmingsen-Jaeger moved that the names of Senators Dibble, Maye Quade, and Mohamed be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 4337. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the name of Senator Drazkowski be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4379. The motion prevailed.

Senator Klein moved that S.F. No. 3859 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health and Human Services and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hauschild moved that S.F. No. 4116 be withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy. The motion prevailed.

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. No. 4354 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health and Human Services and re-referred to the Committee on Human Services. The motion prevailed.

Senators Murphy and Johnson introduced --

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7: A Senate concurrent resolution relating to adjournment for more than three days.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring:

Upon the last adjournment from day to day prior to Thursday, March 19, 2026, the Senate and House of Representatives may each set its next day of meeting for Monday, March 23, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. or later.

Upon the last adjournment from day to day prior to Friday, March 27, 2026, the Senate and House of Representatives may each set its next day of meeting for Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. or later.

Each house consents to adjournment of the other house for more than three days for the purposes of this resolution.

Senator Murphy moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 be now adopted. The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

Remaining on the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions, Senator Murphy moved that the Senate take up the Confirmation Calendar. The motion prevailed.

CONFIRMATION

Senator Dibble moved that the report from the Committee on Transportation, reported February 26, 2026, pertaining to appointments, be taken from the table. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that the foregoing report be now adopted. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that in accordance with the report from the Committee on Transportation, reported February 26, 2026, the Senate, having given its advice, do now consent to and confirm the appointment of:

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
CHAIR

Robin Hutcheson, Saint Paul, Ramsey County, effective December 1, 2025, for a term expiring January 4, 2027.

Senator Dibble moved that the appointment be laid on the table.

The question was taken on the adoption of the motion.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 54 and nays 10, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

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

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Hawj cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson and Oumou Verbeten.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Coleman, Heintzeman, Miller, Pratt, and Weber.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Drazkowski	Holmstrom	Lieske	Mathews	Utke
Duckworth	Kreun	Lucero	Rasmusson	Wesenberg

The motion prevailed.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Pursuant to Rule 26, Senator Murphy, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, designated S.F. No. 3402 a Special Order to be heard immediately.

SPECIAL ORDER

S.F. No. 3402: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying the professions that may serve as a medical consultant for a community health board; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 145A.02, subdivision 15.

S.F. No. 3402 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 64 and nays 2, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

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

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Hawj cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson and Oumou Verbeten.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Abeler, Coleman, Dahms, Heintzeman, Miller, Pratt, and Weber.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Dibble	Murphy

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senator Abeler was excused from the Session of today from 11:20 to 11:35 a.m. Senator Housley was excused from the Session of today at 11:25 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Murphy moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 16, 2026. The motion prevailed.

Thomas S. Bottern, Secretary of the Senate