

MSBA Capitol Connection

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Governor Pawlenty Signs Bills From Real Property and Business Law Sections

Yesterday Governor Pawlenty signed [SF2705](#), a bill from the Business Law Section and the Office of the Secretary of State. The bill provides technical modifications to the organization and operation of business corporations, nonprofit corporations, and limited liability companies. The bill was carried by lawyer-legislators Sen. Ron Latz and Rep. Dave Olin. The governor also signed [HF2823](#), a bill from the Real Property Section that adds supplemental declarations to the list of documents that can be recorded against common interest community certificates of title. The bill also corrects erroneous cross-references. It was carried by lawyer-legislators Sen. Linda Scheid and Rep. Gail Kulick Jackson.

Probate Section Bill Passes House Tax Committee

The Senate approved [SF2427](#), a bill from the Probate & Trust Section, on March 29. Tuesday morning the bill was heard in the House Tax Committee, where it passed on a voice vote after adding some clarifying amendments. The bill now moves on to a floor vote in the House. The bill's authors are lawyer-legislators Sen. Don Betzold and Rep. Melissa Hortman.

Revised Uniform Arbitration Act Takes A Big Step

The House yesterday passed [HF1692](#), the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, a proposal that was worked on extensively by the ADR Section. The bill has already passed the Senate. The House also passed [HF776](#), the Uniform Foreign Country Money Judgments Recognition Act, which has passed the Senate as well.

Judicial Selection Reform Bill Discussed in Senate Committee

Yesterday the Senate Rules & Administration Committee heard testimony on [SF70](#), the MSBA's judicial selection reform bill. Testifying in support of the bill were MSBA President Leo Brisbois and former Governor Al Quie. The committee took no action yesterday; it is likely to take up the bill again early next week.

Newly Signed Bills Of Interest To Lawyers

This week Gov. Pawlenty signed numerous bills of interest to lawyers, including:

- [HF2709](#): Volunteer protections during an emergency or disaster modified, and immunity specified for certain entities.
- [HF2881](#): Qualified persons with medical training or supervision authorized to take blood samples from DWI offenders, and legal immunity provided.
- [HF212](#): Pretrial filing prerequisite of a transcript eliminated for admission into evidence of law enforcement vehicle recordings.
- [HF3065](#): Securities lending agreements and holding of municipal funds provided.
- [SF2559](#): Extended mortgagor redemption period.
- [SF2562](#): Child support enforcement provisions modifications.
- [SF2517](#): Court authorized to furnish any electronic copies of documents to public defender at no charge.
- [SF2322](#): Business screening services regulation and criminal record modification.
- [SF2852](#): Health care clearinghouse for health care provider transactions establishment; uniform electronic transactions and implementation guide standards expansion.
- [SF2616](#): Telecommunications private shared services regulation; reduced-rate regulation of competitive business telecommunication services clarification; cable communications franchise granting requirements clarification.
- [SF2722](#): State and political subdivisions and others exempted from increased interest rates on certain judgments and awards.
- [HF3174](#): Predatory offenders living in homeless shelters registration requirements clarification and modification for moving out of state.
- [HF3128](#): Powers clarified for health care agents, guardians, and others to make health care decisions for wards and protected persons, and governing guardians and conservators provisions modified.



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