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Governor Pawlenty Signs Two MSBA Bills

Two MSBA bills were signed into law by Gov. Pawlenty this week. First, he signed [HF3393](#), which modifies the Minnesota Common Interest Ownership Act. The bill was brought forward by the Real Property Section and carried by lawyer-legislators Rep. Gail Kulick Jackson and Sen. Ron Latz. The governor also signed [HF1692](#), the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, which benefitted from much work from the ADR Section.

Other Bills Signed by Governor Pawlenty

This week Gov. Pawlenty signed several other bills of interest to attorneys:

- [SF2717](#): Criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree for sexual contact in secure treatment facilities.
- [SF2690](#): Foster children, adoption and noncustodial parents provisions modifications; driver's license requirements and background study data, continued court jurisdiction, court hearings presence and parent and child relationship modifications; foster care benefits to age 21.
- [SF2339](#): Dangerous weapons on school property criminal penalty for possession increase and brandishing replica firearms and BB guns penalty decrease.

- [HF776](#): Uniform Foreign Country Money Judgments Recognition Act.
- [SF2363](#): Fire departments authorized to access criminal history data on current employees.
- [SF3116](#): Felony offenders DNA collection requirements expansion.

Light Week For Legislators

It short week at the Capitol, as legislators ended their week early due to the DFL Convention, but the House and Senate still managed to pass some bills of interest to lawyers.

The House passed [HF2848](#) (traffic fines and forfeited bail money allocations modified).

The House passed [HF3386](#) (residential contracts performance guidelines required, statutory warranties modified, notice and opportunity to repair required, and dispute resolution procedures provided). The Senate gave tentative approval to the companion bill.

The House and Senate both passed [SF2825](#) (commerce department continuing education provisions modifications; insurance company rehabilitation and liquidation, group life insurance, the nonforfeiture law for individual deferred annuities, mortality tables use, life and health insurance guaranty association and mutual insurance companies provisions modifications; fraternal benefit societies regulation).

The House and Senate also both adopted the conference committee report for [HF3048](#) (construction codes and licensing provisions modified, and certain notice provisions modified).

Next Week: Judicial Selection Reform Bill & Probate Section Bill

[SF2427](#) (trust and guardianship provisions modifications; distribution status clarifications; parent-child relationship and inheritance provisions modifications; emergency and temporary conservator appointment authority; estate tax clarifications), a bill from the Probate Section, is scheduled for a floor vote in the House on Monday. Also on Monday, [HF224](#), the MSBA's judicial selection reform bill, authored by lawyer-legislator Rep. Steve Simon, will be heard in the House Civil Justice Committee.



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