

# ***MSBA Capitol Connection***

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## ***Probate Section Bill Signed Into Law***

[SF2427](#), a bill from the Probate Section, was signed by Gov. Pawlenty yesterday. The bill clarifies a trust accounting issue, modifies parent-child relationship provisions for intestacy purposes, provides for the appointment of a temporary conservator, and clarifies some estate tax issues. The bill was carried by lawyer-legislators Sen. Don Betzold (DFL-Fridley) and Rep. Melissa Hortman (DFL-Brooklyn Park).

## ***Legislators Sprint To The Finish Line***

The state's multibillion dollar budget deficit is overshadowing everything else that is happening at the Capitol, but lawmakers have been busy working on many bills as they race toward the May 17 session deadline. Still in play or awaiting action from the governor are bills affecting laws relating to, among other things: DWIs, property forfeiture, controlled substances, criminal records expungement, civil commitment, real property transfer fees, mortgage foreclosures, and domestic partner rights and benefits. Check out next week's Capitol Connection to find out which bills get signed into law.

## ***Dozens Of Bills Signed This Week***

Gov. Pawlenty might be running low on ink after signing dozens of bills this week. Many of those bills are relevant to the legal profession, including:

- [SF2990](#): Service animal intentional harm resulting in inability to perform duties penalties imposition; animal fighting criminal penalties provision modification.
- [SF2493](#): Crime of identity theft expansion to include scanning and reencoder use to acquire information from payment cards.
- [HF3318](#): Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act.
- [HF2899](#): Administrative remedy provided for certain data practice law violations, civil penalty provided, and money appropriated.
- [SF2437](#): Domestic abuse and crime of stalking provisions modifications; electronic monitoring pilot project; data practices requirements exemptions; maximum bail increase; domestic abuse protection orders expansion to pets and companion animals.
- [SF2713](#): Civilly committed sex offenders, sexually dangerous persons and sexual psychopathic personalities provisions modifications; judicial holds in civil commitment cases provisions modifications.
- [SF2759](#): State building code municipal enforcement provisions modifications.
- [SF2880](#): State guardian ad litem board establishment.
- [SF3027](#): Medical assistance eligibility, individualized education plans, state health access program, children's health insurance reauthorization act, long-term care

partnerships, community clinics, drug formulary, and general assistance medical care modifications.

- [HF2668](#): Cash payment receipts required between landlord and tenant, recovery of attorney fees provided, tenant screening fee procedures modified, imposition of late fees provided, eviction procedures for tenants of certain foreclosed property provided, clarifying, conforming, technical, and other changes made to landlord and tenant provisions.
- [SF345](#): Enhanced drivers license and identification card creation.
- [SF2709](#): Out-of-state offenders housed in county and regional jails authorization; inmate room and board payment time credited for time served inclusion.
- [SF2846](#): Large motor vehicles on public streets and highways regulations modifications; motor vehicle carriers transporting milk gross annual permit issuance authority for overweight vehicles.
- [SF3128](#): Lead certification requirements for renovation of residential housing constructed prior to 1978; licensing requirements modifications.
- [SF1886](#): Insurance claims for residential roofing goods and services regulation and roofing contracts right to cancel.
- [SF1761](#): Oral chemotherapy cancer treatment health plan coverage requirement.
- [SF80](#): Omnibus campaign finance bill.
- [SF2519](#): Public utility disclosure of travel, entertainment and expenses included in a rate change request requirement.
- [SF2935](#): DHS licensing provisions modifications; background study requirements, disqualifications and data classifications provisions modification; human services and commerce consumer satisfaction reports requirement; human services hearing provisions modification.
- [SF2755](#): Detention placement options clarification for extended jurisdiction juveniles.
- [SF2700](#): Health care participating provider agreements regulation.
- [SF2737](#): Omnibus agriculture and veterans policy bill.
- [SF2974](#): Electronic health record technology administrative penalty provisions modifications.
- [HF3386](#): Residential contracts performance guidelines required, statutory warranties modified, notice and opportunity to repair required, and dispute resolution procedures provided.