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Minnesota Fire Associations Coalition (MnFAC)

- ◆Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association◆
- ◆Minnesota State Fire Department Association◆
- ◆Fire Marshal's Association of Minnesota◆
- ◆Minnesota Area Relief Association Coalition◆
- ◆Minnesota Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators◆

Legislative Bill Tracking – January 24, 2011

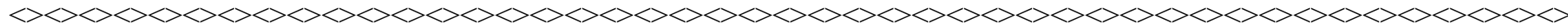
Note: ALL NEW ADDITIONS IN BOLD

**Bill numbers are highlighted in blue and underlined, click on this link to read the bill.*

The 2011 committee deadlines have NOT been set-below are last year's deadlines:

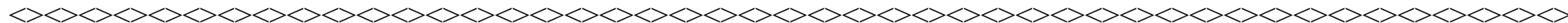
- *March 12, 2010 (tentative first policy deadline) is for committees to act favorably on bills in the house of origin*
- *March 19, 2010 (tentative second policy deadline) is for committees to act favorably on bills, or companions of bills, that met the first deadline in the other house.*
- *March 29, 2010 (tentative fiscal bill deadline) is for divisions of the House and Senate Committees on Finance to act favorably on omnibus appropriation bills.*
- *Adjournment May 23, 2011*

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Watch for updates regarding Fire Safety Account:

Protection of revenues intended for the Fire Safety Account -



MnFAC 2010 LEGISLATIVE TRACKING LIST

INITIATIVES			
File Numbers and Authors	Bill Summary	Additional Information	Committee Status
	Fire Safety Account		
	FSA Grants		
	Donated Used Equipment		
	Remove used equipment from bid process		
SUPPORT			
File Numbers and Authors	Bill Summary	Additional Information	Committee Status
<u>H. F. 106</u> , Anderson, P.	Exempting water used for public safety purposes from tax	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 297A.70, subdivision 3, is amended to read: Subd. 3. Sales of certain goods and services to government. (a) The following sales to or use by the specified governments and political subdivisions of the state are exempt: (1) repair and replacement parts for emergency rescue vehicles, fire trucks, and fire apparatus to a political subdivision; (2) machinery and equipment, except for motor vehicles, used directly for mixed municipal solid waste management services at a solid waste disposal facility as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 10; (3) chore and homemaking services to a political subdivision of	

the state to be provided to elderly or disabled individuals;

(4) telephone services to the Office of Enterprise Technology that are used to provide telecommunications services through the enterprise technology revolving fund;

(5) firefighter personal protective equipment as defined in paragraph (b), if purchased or authorized by and for the use of an organized fire department, fire protection district, or fire company regularly charged with the responsibility of providing fire protection to the state or a political subdivision;

(6) bullet-resistant body armor that provides the wearer with ballistic and trauma protection, if purchased by a law enforcement agency of the state or a political subdivision of the state, or a licensed peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1;

(7) motor vehicles purchased or leased by political subdivisions of the state if the vehicles are exempt from registration under section 168.012, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), exempt from taxation under section 473.448, or exempt from the motor vehicle sales tax under section 297B.03, clause (12);

(8) equipment designed to process, dewater, and recycle biosolids for wastewater treatment facilities of political subdivisions, and materials incidental to installation of that equipment;

(9) sales to a town of gravel and of machinery, equipment, and accessories, except motor vehicles, used exclusively for road and bridge maintenance, and leases by a town of motor vehicles exempt from tax under section 297B.03, clause (10);

(10) the removal of trees, bushes, or shrubs for the construction and maintenance of roads, trails, or firebreaks when purchased by an agency of the state or a political subdivision of the state;

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(11) purchases by the Metropolitan Council or the Department of Transportation of vehicles and repair parts to equip operations provided for in section 174.90, including, but not limited to, the Northstar Corridor Rail project; and (12) purchases of water used directly in providing public safety services by an organized fire department, fire protection district, or fire company regularly charged with the responsibility of providing fire protection to the state or a political subdivision.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "firefighters personal protective equipment" means helmets, including face shields,

		<p>chin straps, and neck liners; bunker coats and pants, including pant suspenders; boots; gloves; head covers or hoods; wildfire jackets; protective coveralls; goggles; self-contained breathing apparatus; canister filter masks; personal alert safety systems; spanner belts; optical or thermal imaging search devices; and all safety equipment required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.</p> <p>(c) For purchases of items listed in paragraph (a), clause (11), the tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied and then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.</p> <p><u>EFFECTIVE DATE.</u> This section is effective retroactively for sales and purchases made after June 30, 2007; however, no refunds may be made for amounts already paid on water purchased between June 30, 2007, and January 30, 2010.</p>	
<p>H. F. 213, Brynaert</p>	<p>Expand exemption for certain public safety radio equipment</p>	<p>Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 297A.70, subdivision 8, is amended to read:</p> <p>Subd. 8. Regionwide public safety radio communication system; products and services. Products and services including, but not limited to, end user equipment used for construction, ownership, operation, maintenance, and enhancement of the backbone system of the regionwide public safety radio communication system established under sections 403.21 to 403.40, are exempt. For purposes of this subdivision, backbone system is defined in section 403.21, subdivision 9. This subdivision is effective for purchases, sales, storage, use, or consumption for use in the first and second phases of the system, as defined in section 403.21, subdivisions 3, 10, and 11, that portion of the third phase of the system that is located in the southeast district of the State Patrol and the counties of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright, and that portion of the system that is located in Itasca County.</p> <p><u>EFFECTIVE DATE.</u> This section is effective for sales and purchases made after June 30, 2011.</p>	

MONITOR			
File Numbers and Authors	Bill Summary	Additional Information	Committee Status
SF60 Bill Text Robling	making appropriation reductions for fiscal year 2011, policy changes, and appropriation reductions for fiscal years 2012 and 2013; making changes to tax aids and credits and reducing payments		
HF2 Banaian	Creating priority-based budget process; establishing sunset process for state agencies		
HF0032 Bill Text Dill	Restoring state and local government tort liability limits to pre-2008 levels; prohibiting state and local government contracts that require contractors to provide liability insurance or other security in excess of those limits		
H. F. 78, Peterson, S.	Require surcharge disclosure for homeowner insurance		
H. F. 110, Kahn	Increasing membership of legislative commission on pensions and retirement		
H. F. 120, Morrow	Local disaster assistance program and local disaster fund		
H. F. 149, Cornish	Providing health care to survivors of peace officers or firefighters killed in the line of duty	This has been removed from the hearing schedule (<i>previously set for tomorrow/Wednesday</i>)	
H. F. 155, Benson, J.	Abolish levy limits		
H. F. 158, Anzelc, Rukavina, Dill, Gunther, Howes	Require domestic materials as a condition of using public funds		

<p><u>H. F. 173,</u> Peppin</p>	<p>Creating Sunset Commission; providing sunset and review of state agencies</p>		
<p><u>H. F. 180,</u> Peppin</p>	<p>Permitting certain offenses to be charged in either the county of offense or the home county of the arresting law enforcement agency</p>		
<p><u>H. F. 203,</u> Westrom</p>	<p>Certain rules take effect only upon legislative approval</p>	<p>Section 1. [14.1271] LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL REQUIRED. <u>Subdivision 1. Cost thresholds. An agency must determine if the cost of complying with a proposed rule in the first year after the rule takes effect will exceed \$10,000 for any person or entity.</u> <u>Subd. 2. Agency determination. An agency must make the determination required by subdivision 1 before the close of the hearing record, or before the agency submits the record to the administrative law judge if there is no hearing. The administrative law judge must review and approve or disapprove the agency determination under this section.</u> <u>Subd. 3. Legislative approval required. If the agency determines that the cost exceeds the threshold in subdivision 1, or if the administrative law judge disapproves the agency's determination that the cost does not exceed the threshold in subdivision 1, the rules may not take effect until the rules are approved by a law enacted after the agency determination.</u> <u>Subd. 4. Exceptions. (a) Subdivision 3 does not apply if the administrative law judge approves an agency's determination that the legislature has appropriated money to sufficiently fund the expected cost of the rule upon the people or entities proposed to be regulated by the rule. (b) Subdivision 3 does not apply if the administrative law judge approves an agency's determination that the rule has been proposed pursuant to a specific federal statutory or regulatory mandate. (c) This section does not apply if the rule is adopted under section 14.388 or under another law specifying that the rulemaking procedures of this chapter do not apply.</u> <u>Subd. 5. Severability. If an administrative law judge determines that part of a proposed rule exceeds the threshold specified in subdivision 1, but that a severable portion of a proposed rule does not exceed the threshold in subdivision 1, the administrative law judge may provide that the severable portion of the rule that does not exceed the threshold may take effect without legislative approval.</u> <u>EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment, and applies to any rule for which the hearing record has not closed before that date, or if there is not a public hearing, for which the agency has not submitted the record to the administrative law judge before that date.</u></p>	

		<p>2.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 14.19, is amended to read: DEADLINE TO COMPLETE RULEMAKING.</p> <p>Within 180 days after issuance of the administrative law judge's report or that of the chief administrative law judge, the agency shall submit its notice of adoption, amendment, or repeal to the State Register for publication. If the agency has not submitted its notice to the State Register within 180 days, the rule is automatically withdrawn. The agency may not adopt the withdrawn rules without again following the procedures of sections 14.05 to 14.28, with the exception of section 14.101, if the noncompliance is approved by the chief administrative law judge. The agency shall report to the Legislative Coordinating Commission, other appropriate committees of the legislature, and the governor its failure to adopt rules and the reasons for that failure. The 180-day time limit of this section does not include:</p> <p>(1) any days used for review by the chief administrative law judge or the commission if the review is required by law;</p> <p>(2) days during which the rule cannot be adopted, because of votes by legislative committees under section 14.126; or</p> <p>(3) days during which the rule cannot be adopted because approval of the legislature is required under section 14.127 <u>14.1271</u>.</p>	
OPPOSE			
File Numbers and Authors	Bill Summary	Additional Information	Committee Status
	Expansion of fireworks		
	Building Code / sprinklers	Legislature is not the place to develop codes. Continue to use the existing process	

One Time			
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