



# 90<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Legislature Session Summary

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## General overview:

- Session ran from February 20-May 20, 2018
- This is the second year of the biennium with a term end of January 7, 2019
- 1,820 bills were introduced in the Senate
- 1,673 bills were introduced in the House
- 100 laws were enacted
- Agricultural policy bill was vetoed
- Wild rice water standard changes were vetoed

## Looking ahead:

- Minnesota mid-term elections will occur on November 6, 2018
  - [MN elections calendar](#)
  - [Who Represents Me? representative search page](#)
  - [Balletopedia Minnesota election summary](#)
- The 2019 legislative session is a budget year
- Session is scheduled to begin January 8 and must end by May 20, 2019
- Watch for MN Legislation 101 training in December of 2018

## Highlighted environmental health law changes:

Chapter	Bill	Description	Summary
<a href="#">208</a>	HF 3423	Legacy Fund Appropriations	Language was added to Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, subdivisions 3, 13 to appropriate money from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. The total appropriation, with funds available in 2019, is 113,923,000. The majority of this appropriation is divided between 14 prairie related projects, 6 forest related projects, 6 wetlands related projects, and 18 habitat related projects. Remaining funds cover associated administration costs.

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<a href="#">204</a>	HF 3660	3M Settlement - Water quality account established, private well testing	New language is included in Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116.155, subdivision 1, and coding is proposed for new law in chapter 115B. These sections address a recent settlement between the state of Minnesota and the 3M Company and create a water quality and sustainability account, require development of a web page that contains information on PFC testing, and require annual test reporting to east Metro communities and the state legislature.
<a href="#">193</a>	HF 3232	Solar energy incentive program - broadens eligibility	Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, sections 116C.7792, and 216B.1691, subdivision 2f were modified in relation to the solar energy incentive program. The main change to eligibility criteria is increasing the total kilowatts direct current from 20 to 40 for energy systems, whether the system was installed prior to June 1, 2018 or not. Additionally, utility companies do not have to file plans with the Commissioner of Commerce for changes to programs up to a nameplate capacity of 40 kilowatts or less.
<a href="#">177</a>	HF 3095	Waste management - amendments to process for city to adopt publicly operated collection system	This amends Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 115A.94, subdivisions 2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, and 5 and adds two new subdivisions. The modifications to existing requirements clarify review committee duties for evaluating organized solid waste collection. The new subdivisions require licensed collectors and city officials to meet and confer prior to the beginning of exclusive meetings and negotiations, and limits joint liability for participating, licensed collectors.

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<a href="#">171</a>	HF 3095	Agricultural transportation - modification of exemptions	Language is amended in Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 169.81, subdivision 5; 221.031, subdivision 2d; 221.0314, subdivision 9 modifying certain requirements governing agricultural transportation. The largest change applies to transporting sugar beets and allows “leak liquid from thawing sugar beets only if transporting unprocessed sugar beets.”
<a href="#">169</a>	HF 3819	Ramsey County Soil & Water Conservation District discontinued	The Ramsey Soil and Water Conservation District is discontinued effective July 1, 2018, and its duties and authorities are transferred to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.
<a href="#">148</a>	HF 2802	Regulatory certainty to municipalities that construct publicly owned treatment works to comply with new or modified effluent limitations	A municipality that constructs a publicly owned treatment works to comply with a new or modified effluent limitation, compliance with any new or modified effluent limitation adopted after construction begins that would require additional capital investment is required no sooner than 16 years after the date the facility begins operating.
<a href="#">134</a>	SF 2921	Expands local match funds for recycling programs beyond counties to include funding by other local units of government or organizations	Language was added to Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 473.8441, subdivision 4 that allows match funds for recycling programs by other local units of government or organizations besides counties. In addition, the funds cannot be used for research or development of a product that would be patented, copyrighted, or subject of trade secrets

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<a href="#">115</a>	HF 3755	Modifies Carbon Monoxide detector requirements for watercraft	Includes language changes to Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 86B.005, subdivision 8a; and 86B.532, subdivision 1 or better known as <a href="#">Sophia's Law</a> . The definition of marine carbon monoxide detection system was revised requiring devices or systems must be certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory that meet current UL Standards for use on a recreational boat. The second update was effective May 1, 2018 and includes the addition of language to clarify the requirements are for motorboats used for recreational purpose and lists the required locations for the detections system.
<a href="#">114</a>	HF 3210	Modifying county authorization for storm and sanitary sewer systems to include seven county metro	Language was removed from Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 444.075, subdivision 1a that excluded the seven county metropolitan area from having the same authority as municipalities to build, construct, reconstruct, repair, enlarge, or improve storm and sanitary sewer systems.