

Legislation Not Enacted Summaries 2013

Capital Bonding

(H.F. 1070)

Bonding Bill the original bill for \$850 million failed. The house proposal failed to receive the constitutionally required number of votes to pass the floor. The \$850, million proposal included the Nicollet Mall as an eligible transit way project. A Senate bonding bill of comparable size in terms of funding was not proposed.

Public Safety

Traveling Law Enforcement Data

(H.F. 1364/S.F. 1437)

Legislation classifying criminal intelligence data received from other states in the manner it was designated in that other state at the time of the request was introduced in both chambers but did not receive a hearing.

Reducing Gun Violence

(H.F. 237/S.F. 458, H.F. 285/S.F. 235)

While components of these bills were included in the final Omnibus Public Safety Finance bill (see “enacted bill summary”), several key provisions did not reach final passage. The following items aimed at reducing gun violence were not enacted into law in 2013:

- Expanded universal background checks, which would have required background checks for private sales between individuals, and/or sales at gun shows by unlicensed firearms dealers
- Increased penalties for straw purchasers, which involves a non-prohibited person purchasing firearms on behalf of an individual who is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm
- Ban on semi-automatic military-style assault weapons
- Ban on high-capacity magazine clips
- Addition of domestic violence by strangulation to the list of crimes that disqualify a person from possessing a gun
- Ban on people prohibited from possessing guns to also possess ammunition.

Automatic License Plate Readers

(H.F. 488/S.F. 210)

Legislation regulating the use of automatic license plate readers (ALPR) was introduced in both chambers. Both bills called for the data collected by an ALPR that did not result in an immediate “hit” and was, therefore, not part of a law enforcement investigation to be classified as private. The primary difference in the two bills, and the main source of disagreement throughout session, was the allowable retention period for this data that did not result in an immediate “hit.” The City of Minneapolis supported the Senate position that such data could be retained by the law enforcement agency for up to 90 days. The House bill required the data

that do not result in an immediate “hit” be immediately deleted and not retained for any length of time.

The House bill passed the floor, and the Senate bill did not receive a floor vote. The issue will continue to be discussed throughout the interim and next session.

Drivers Licenses

(H.F. 348/S.F. 271)

Legislation that would have allowed use of identification documents from other countries in order to obtain a state driver’s license, such documents could include: a valid, unexpired passport and certified birth certificate issued by a country other than the United States that have specified security features. The issue is mainly one of public safety; if more drivers are licensed then more drivers on the road are required to be insured. The bill was not enacted this session. It did pass the Senate floor and is sitting in Ways and Means Committee in the House, one step away from the floor.

Liquor Taxes

While liquor taxes were introduced by the House, no liquor increased taxes were included in any of the omnibus bills.

Transportation

Transportation Finance

(Chapter 117 - H.F. 1444)

Not included in this session was an increase in transit funding for the metro area. The proposed 5 cents fuel tax increase and ½ cent metro wide sales tax increases were discussed throughout the session but not enacted.