



## 2012 POPULAR OR INTERESTING BILLS

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Subject	File Number	Author	Brief Summary
Agriculture	SF 1713	Rosen	Establishing an immigrant and minority microloan program
Commerce	SF 1766	Eaton	Requiring reporting of children’s products containing harmful chemicals
Constitutional Amendment	SF 1537	Gazelka	Amendment to the MN Constitution by adding a section providing continuing appropriations for the operation of state government.
Constitutional Amendment	SF 1577	Newman	Amendment to the MN Constitution Requiring voters to present photo ID. See Also SF 1659
Constitutional Amendment	SF 1578	DeKruif	Amendment to the MN Constitution See also SF 1577
Constitutional Amendment	SF 1601	Reinert	Amendment to the MN Constitution, article IX, section 1; changing the method for amending the constitution
Constitutional Amendment	SF 1705	Thompson	Amendment to the MN Constitution, article I; establishing a freedom of employment. “Right to Work”
Constitutional Amendment	SF 1714	Hann	Amendment to the MN Constitution, article I; establishing a freedom of employment. “Right to Work” See also SF 1705
Constitutional Amendment	SF 1756	McGuire	Amendment to the MN Constitution, article VII, section 1; changing the state and local election voting age from 18 to 16.
Courts	SF 1777	Dibble	Prohibiting exclusion from jury service on the basis of marital status or sexual orientation
Education	SF 1493	Daley	Requiring teacher candidates to pass basic skills exam
Education	SF 1528	Nelson	Modifying online learning parameters; providing for digital learning. See Also SF 1529
Gambling	SF 1683	Senjem	Authorizing the director of the State Lottery to establish gaming machines, imposing a fee on gaming machine revenue
Gambling	1684	Senjem	Authorizing the director of the State Lottery to establish gaming machines at a licensed racetrack, imposing a fee on gaming machine revenue
Game and Fish	SF 1628	Saxhaug	Providing for hunting and trapping wolves
Game and Fish	SF 1706	Ingebrihtsen	Exempting donated venison from certain food laws
Game and Fish	SF 1736	Wiger	Placing restrictions on certain traps for furbearers
Health	SF 1552	Goodwin	Prohibiting smoking in theatrical productions
Higher Education	SF 1780	Carlson	Clarifying the authority of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system to continue operations during a budget impasse
Human Services	SF 1506	Gazelka	Requiring drug screening as a condition of public assistance eligibility
Human Services	SF 1507	Gazelka	Modifying requirements for the public assistance electronic benefit transfer card. See also SF 1674
Human Services	SF 1665	Ingebrihtsen	Requiring drug testing for MFIP applicants and

			participants
Human Services	SF 1675	Benson	Modifying provisions related to children and family services
Job Creation	SF 1631	Lillie	Job creation; imposing a temporary moratorium on state agency rulemaking
Job Creation	SF 1771	Tomassoni	Amending state procurement policies; establishing the Buy Minnesota Act
Labor	SF 1743	Wolf	Modifying the public employee fair share fee; prohibiting dues check offs
Marriage	SF 1522	Marty	Repealing a proposed amendment to the MN Constitution recognizing marriage. See Also SF 1523
Metropolitan Government	SF 1668	Chamberlain	Requiring city, county, and town approval prior to constructing light rail transit facilities
Occupational Regulation	SF 1629	Gerlach	Ensuring a person may pursue a lawful occupation free from unnecessary regulations
Property Taxation	SF 1603	Skoe	Restoring the market value homestead credit; amending MN Statutes 2010, sections 126C.01
Public Employment	SF 1607	Parry	Public employment labor relations; prohibiting the use of state funds to collect union dues or fair share fees; prohibiting automatic deductions
Public Health	SF 1757	McGuire	Expanding prohibition of bisphenol-A in products for young children
Public Safety	SF 1598	Newman	Requiring law enforcement departments to report offenders who possess multiple welfare electronic benefit transfer cards
Public Safety	SF 1617	Goodwin	Eliminating the right of violent felons to petition the court to have their ability to possess a firearm restored
Public Safety	SF 1637	Sieben	Prohibiting predatory offenders from serving as hotel or motel employees
Public Works	SF 1502	Tomassoni	Requiring the use or supply of American steel products on certain projects
Redistricting	SF 1763	Rest	Adopting a congressional districting plan for use in 2012 and thereafter. See also SF 1764
Restaurants	SF 1701	Kruse	Providing for the Restaurant Recovery and Jobs Creation Act
Stadiums	SF 1745	Marty	Providing for the transfer of the Metrodome to the MN Vikings; abolishing the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission
State Budget	SF 1478	Lillie	Providing continuing appropriations for operations of State government.
State Government	SF 1639	Parry	Reducing the number of departments in the executive branch
State Government	SF 1671	Chamberlain	Requiring public value impact statements for certain legislation
State Employees	SF 1594	Pappas	Requiring that health insurance benefits be made available to domestic partners of state employees
State Government	SF 1742	Pederson	Modifying former legislators' health insurance coverage
Taxation	SF 1716	Brown	Individual income; restructuring the individual income tax; eliminating subtractions, applying a single tax rate

Taxation	SF 1768	Skoe	Establishing a new jobs now tax credit; appropriating money
Transportation	SF 1746	Marty	Increasing transit ridership; requiring Metropolitan Council and greater Minnesota transit systems to reduce transit fares to 25 cents