



2012 POPULAR OR INTERESTING BILLS

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** Please check 2011 Popular or Interesting Bills list for bills still viable in 2012.

Subject	File Number	Author	Brief Summary
Agriculture	SF 1713	Rosen	Establishing an immigrant and minority microloan program
Alcohol	SF 2047	Pappas	Allowing certain persons under the age of 21 to drink alcohol under certain conditions
Campaign Finance	SF 2249	Dibble	Adding requirements to lobbyists or principals related to model legislation, etc
Capital Investment	SF 1941	Olson	Appropriating money for repair and restoration improvements of the State Capitol
Civil Law	SF 1402	Jungbauer	Parenting time presumption increased, See HF 322
Commerce	SF 1766	Eaton	Requiring reporting of children’s products containing harmful chemicals
Commerce	SF 1872	Lourey	Establishing the MN Insurance Marketplace; prescribing its powers and duties
Commerce	SF 2397	Rest	Protecting the health of children; prohibiting formaldehyde in products for children
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.
Constitutional Amendment	SF 2017	Pappas	Amendment to the MN Constitution, article IX, section 1; requiring a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature to submit a constitutional amendment to the people. See also SF 2389
Constitutional Amendment	SF 2389	Cohen	Amendment to the MN Constitution, article IX, section 1; requiring two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature to submit a constitutional amendment to the people
Constitutional Amendment	SF 2095	Carlson	Amendment to the MN Constitution by adding a section to article I; providing for right of individuals to keep and bear arms
Courts	SF 1777	Dibble	Prohibiting exclusion from jury service on the basis of marital status or sexual orientation

Data Privacy	SF 2516	Rest	Prohibiting the use of Social Security numbers in certain health records
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
Education	SF 1892	Hann	Prohibiting school districts from holding school on the Thursday and Friday before Labor Day
Education	SF 1832	Parry	Determining funds to Help America Vote Act
Education	SF 2528	Nienow	Requiring a waiver application from No Child Left Behind
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Education	SF 2546	Hann	Empowering parents to request a school district intervene in a persistently low-performing school
Education	SF 1690	Wolf	LIFO, School districts to base leave of absence & discharge decisions on teacher evaluation Outcomes See HF 1870
Education Finance	SF 2218	Harrington	Phasing out the special education tuition bill-back procedure
Elections	SF 2435	DeKruif	Amending same day voter registration provisions
Employment	SF 1919	Dibble	Prohibiting discrimination against unemployed individuals
Employment	SF 2021	Pappas	Requiring pregnancy leave; requiring employment accommodations for pregnant women
Food Safety	SF 2563	Torres Ray	Requiring labeling of genetically engineered food
Fireworks	SF 1694	Jungbauer	Fireworks manufacture, sale and use regulations modifications
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
Gambling	SF 1909	Senjem	Authorizing the director of the State Lottery to establish gaming machines at a licensed racetrack. See also SF 2085
Game and Fish	SF 1628	Saxhaug	Providing for hunting and trapping wolves
Game and Fish	SF 1706	Ingebrigtsen	Exempting donated venison from certain food laws
Game and Fish	SF 1736	Wiger	Placing restrictions on certain traps for furbearers
Game and Fish	SF 1828	Higgins	Prohibiting use of lead shot to take wolves. See also SF 1828
Game and Fish	SF 1871	Sieben	Allowing persons age 55 or older to hunt with a crossbow
Health	SF 1552	Goodwin	Prohibiting smoking in theatrical productions
Health	SF 1865	Hoffman	Modifying minor consent for health procedures and records
Health	SF 1933	Hann	Creating a health care compact
Health	SF 1931	Hoffman	Requiring legislative approval before the commissioner of health can accept federal funds
Health	SF 1912	Gazelka	Requiring a prescribing physician be physically present when certain abortion-inducing drugs are

			administered
Health	SF 2241	Nienow	Establishing state licensure for abortion facilities
Health	SF 2242	Nienow	Prohibiting abortions when fetal heartbeat is detected
Higher Education	SF 1780	Carlson	Clarifying the authority of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system to continue operations during a budget impasse
Horse Racing	SF1727	Robling	Additional card tables, etc. See HF 2795
Housing	SF 2543	Skoe	Minnesota Cooperative Housing Act
Human Rights	SF 1924	Dziedzic	Requiring employers to post employee protections under the Minnesota Human Rights Act
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	Ingebrigtsen	Requiring drug testing for MFIP applicants and participants. See also SF 1996
Human Services	SF 1675	Benson	Modifying provisions related to children and family services
Human Services	SF 1877	Hoffman	Preventing welfare fraud; allowing access to drivers license photos in welfare fraud investigations
Human Services	SF 2530	Hann	Requiring the commissioner of human services to submit to the legislature a plan to restructure and reform state health care programs in the event of federal changes to the Medicaid program
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Independent Contractors	SF1653	Pederson	Independent Contractors
Insurance	SF 1967	Hann	Permitting sale to MN residents of health plans permitted under MN law but not under federal law
Insurance	SF 2037	Hann	Repealing the mandated health insurance coverages
Insurance	SF 2385	Higgins	Requiring health plans to cover contraceptive methods, etc.
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
Job Creation	SF 1927	Michel	Reducing property taxes; creating a small business regulatory review board
Labor	SF 1743	Wolf	Modifying the public employee fair share fee; prohibiting dues check offs
Law Enforcement	SF 2433	Nienow	Prohibiting immigration law enforcement noncooperation ordinances
Legislative Ethics	SF 1955	Marty	Requiring the senate and house of representatives to adopt rules prohibiting improper use of confidential information by legislators
Legislative Procedure	SF 2402	Nienow	Legislative procedure; prohibiting final passage of a bill or conference committee report on the day it

			is received by a body, with certain exceptions, etc
Legislature	SF 1935	Rest	Enacting various reforms; establishing districting principles and providing for appointment of a commission
Legislature	SF 2607	Howe	Providing office space in the Capitol building for all senators
Marriage	SF 1522	Marty	Repealing a proposed amendment to the MN Constitution recognizing marriage. See Also SF 1523
Marriage	SF 1868	Reinert	Repealing a proposed amendment to the Minnesota Constitution recognizing marriage as only a union between one man and one woman
Metropolitan Government	SF 1668	Chamberlain	Requiring city, county, and town approval prior to constructing light rail transit facilities
Metropolitan Government	SF 2014	Kruse	Providing for staggered, four-year terms for members of the Metropolitan Council
Motor Vehicle	SF 2381	McGuire	Requiring that motorcycle owners bear the economic costs of their injuries not caused by others
Natural Resources	SF 1787	Kelash	Appropriating money for an Aquatic Invasive Species Cooperative Research Center. See Also SF 1787
Natural Resources	SF 1911	Gazelka	Enacting the Freedom to Hunt and Fish Act of 2012
Natural Resources	SF 1943	Ingebrigtsen	Modifying game and fish license requirements; providing for taking wolf. See also SF 1945
Natural Resources	SF 2456	Saxhaug	Establishing a Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Invasive Species Commission
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 Safety	SF 1783	Thompson	Providing enhanced penalties for causing the death of or assaulting a prosecuting attorney
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Public Safety	SF 2084	Limmer	Permitting victim notification regarding offenders in Dept. of Corrections
Public Works	SF 1502	Tomassoni	Requiring the use or supply of American steel products on certain projects

Real Property	SF 2367	Limmer	Establishing a landlord's right to seek police or emergency assistance
Redistricting	SF 1763	Rest	Adopting a congressional districting plan for use in 2012 and thereafter. See also SF 1764
Resolution	SF 2206	Carlson	Memorializing the President of the US and Congress to take actions to protect Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams from threats due to invasive Asian carp.
Restaurants	SF 1701	Kruse	Providing for the Restaurant Recovery and Jobs Creation Act
Revisors Bill	SF 2060	Limmer	Relating to legislative enactments; correcting erroneous, ambiguous and omitted text, etc
Stadiums	SF 1745	Marty	Providing for the transfer of the Metrodome to the MN Vikings; abolishing the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission
Stadiums	SF 2127	Chamberlain	Providing for a new privately owned NFL stadium in Minnesota
Stadiums	SF 2391	Rosen	Providing for a new National Football League Stadium in Mpls See HF 2958
State Budget	SF 1478	Lillie	Providing continuing appropriations for operations of State government.
State Finance	SF 1916	Nelson	Increasing the rate of taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products
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 Government	SF 2454	Newman	Prohibiting courts from appropriating money or ordering the governor, executive branch agencies, or legislature to spend money
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
State Government	SF 1846	Gazelka	Permitting the Department of Administration to contract for waste-hauling without determining whether state employees are able to do the work
State Government	SF 1905	Benson	Designating the black bear as the state mammal
State Government	SF 2103	Hayden	Providing for the continued existence of the Council on Affairs of Chicano/Latino People, etc.
State Government	SF 2281	Thompson	Protecting the citizens of the state from the application of certain foreign laws
State Government	SF 2534	Hayden	Prohibiting the state from purchasing products from Crystal Sugar Cooperative
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
Taxation	SF 1596	Ortman	Homeowner property tax refunds increase;
Taxation	SF 2006	Ortman	Individual income; providing a phased-in

			subtraction for military retirement pay
Taxation	SF 2479	Marty	Modifying provisions related to foreign operating corporations
Traffic Regulations	SF 2230	Hall	Establishing speed limit on marked Interstate Highway 35E in St. Paul at 50 miles per hour
Transportation	SF 1746	Marty	Increasing transit ridership; requiring Metropolitan Council and greater Minnesota transit systems to reduce transit fares to 25 cents
Transportation	SF 2054	Lourey	Requiring the commissioner of transportation to establish wireless Internet service at safety rest areas
Vikings Stadium	HF 2958	Rosen	Vikings Stadium
Waters	SF 1928	Saxhaug	Modifying aquatic invasive species
Wireless Communications	SF 2505	Latz	Requiring wireless telecommunications service providers to alert customers whose usage approaches or exceeds their contract limits

OMNIBUS SENATE BUDGET BILLS 2012

Agriculture	SF 2398	Magnus	Omnibus Agriculture Bill
Capitol Investment	HF 1752	Senjem	See HF 1752
Education	SF 2482	Olson	Omnibus Education Policy Bill
Environmental Policy	SF 1830	Ingebrigtsen	Miscellaneous natural resources, environment and waste management provisions modifications; aquatic invasive species prevention program
Game and Fish	SF 1943	Ingebrigtsen	Miscellaneous natural resources, environment and waste management provisions modifications; wolf taking authorization
Health & Human Services	SF 1804	Hann	Omnibus Health and Human Services Policy Bill
Health & Human Services	HF 2294	Hann	Omnibus Health and Human Services Finance Bill
Higher Ed	SF 1573	Fischbach	Higher Ed Omnibus Bill
Lands Bill	SF 1750	Carlson	State lands sales
Pensions	SF 1808	Rosen	Omnibus Retirement Bill
Revisors Bill	SF 1420	Limmer	Correcting miscellaneous oversites, inconsistencies, ambiguities, unintended results, and technical errors
Tax Bill	HF 2337	Ortman	Omnibus Tax Bill Also see HF 247
Transportation	SF 1072	Gimse	Omnibus Transportation Bill #1
Transportation	SF2321	Gimse	Omnibus Transportation Bill #2