



New Laws Affecting Sexual Violence from the 2018 Legislative Session

MNCASA Agenda

- 1) Rape Kits: Provides consistent definitions for submitted and unsubmitted kits, sets deadlines for law enforcement pick-up from hospitals and submission to the crime lab for testing, and provides a mechanism for survivors to determine the status of their kits. Also requires updates to the statutory hospital notification form for sexual assault patients. See [Session Law Chapter 160](#).

Additional Laws of Interest

- 1) Safe at Home: Several technical changes made to the Safe at Home address confidentiality program, including the addition of birth dates to data considered private by the Secretary of State's office. The bill also clarifies how program participants can change their information in the program. See [Session Law Chapter 109](#).
- 2) Relationship between Pornography and Sex Trafficking; Authorized Penalty Assessment Expansion: Trafficking data collection shall include instances of possession of child pornography or dissemination of child pornography. Additional statutory eligibility for fines related to sex trafficking and possession of child pornography. See [Session Law Chapter 144](#).
- 3) Hotel/Motel Employee Training on Sex Trafficking: Required training for hotel and motel employee workers to raise awareness about possible sex trafficking on premises. See [Session Law Chapter 179](#).

House of Representatives Sexual Harassment Policy

The House Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration adopted a new sexual harassment policy in April 2018. The policy includes lobbyists and members of the public as well as legislators and legislative staff. Interns and high school pages will have the same protections as employees. Nonpartisan House human resources staff can hire investigators and supervisors can take a broad view of what is harassment. Prompt reporting is encouraged, as is bystander intervention. The rules also includes broader protections against retaliation. The new rules are available on the [House website](#).

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