

Chapter 3

2021 Regular Session

Subject Suspending the expiration of civil deadlines

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Overview

Chief Justice Lori Gildea has issued several judicial orders seeking to continue the operations of Minnesota courts in a manner that is consistent with public safety and the orders issued by Governor Walz. These changes have resulted in delay in some cases. In response to a letter from the Chief Justice, the legislature passed legislation that tolled statutory deadlines and statutes of limitations. This bill amends that provision so that it applies only to deadlines that would otherwise have expired between the beginning of the peacetime emergency and April 15, 2021.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Deadlines governing proceedings in district and appellate courts suspended during peacetime emergency.
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Suspends the expiration of statutory deadlines that govern proceedings in the district and appellate courts. The suspension includes statutes of limitations and other time periods prescribed by statute. The suspension lasts from the beginning of the peacetime emergency until April 15, 2021, and applies to any deadlines that had not expired as of March 13, 2020, and would have expired between then and April 15, 2021. Courts can continue to hold hearings, require appearances, and issue orders if the judge determines that the individual circumstances make action appropriate.