



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

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May 18, 2010

The Honorable Senator James Metzen
President of the Senate
322 State Capitol Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Metzen:

I have vetoed and am returning Senate File 3145, Chapter 367.

The bill waters down current criminal justice practices and standards related to the weight of controlled substances found in water pipes by prohibiting prosecutors from including the weight of water pipe fluid in a criminal charge if the weight of that fluid is fewer than four ounces.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Pawlenty".

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

cc: Representative Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker of the House
Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
Senator Sandra Pappas
Representative Kurt Zellers, Minority Leader
Representative Phyllis Kahn
Mr. Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative)
Mr. Albin Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State