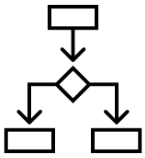


DPS Rulemaking FAQ

The Department of Public Safety is proposing to adopt rules on its vest-reimbursement program for public safety officers and heads of agencies and entities who buy bullet-resistant vests. The vest-reimbursement program was established in 1989 to reimburse peace officers when they replaced their vests. But in the 2023 legislative session, the legislature expanded the program to include firefighters and qualified emergency medical service providers.



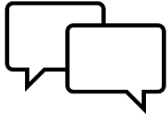
Why do we need to adopt a rule?

First, the legislature required us to adopt rules. Second, because the program has been expanded to other public safety officers and because there are limited funds, we need to establish a process to prioritize applications.



What is rulemaking?

Rulemaking is a legal process under which state agencies adopt rules to implement laws passed by the legislature. For more information on rulemaking, please see the rulemaking FAQ on our website.



Can I comment on the rule?

Yes! We encourage you to comment and provide feedback on the rule draft. Please note that these comments aren't part of the formal rulemaking record.



What else should I know?

By the end of this year, we will formally publish the rule for public comments. This starts a 30-day comment period during which you can formally comment on the rule. Your comments will be reviewed by us and an administrative law judge. The judge then approves or disapproves the rule.

You should read the rule together with the statute. For example, the rule references statutory definitions, so you will need to refer to the statute (section 299A.38) for these definitions.

Comments or questions on the rule should be sent to dps.rulemaking@state.mn.us.

