

1.1 **Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was**
1.2 **referred**

1.3 **S.F. No. 3317:** A bill for an act relating to civil actions; enacting the Uniform Public
1.4 Expression Protection Act proposed for adoption by the National Conference of
1.5 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.6 chapter 554; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 554.01; 554.02; 554.03; 554.04;
1.7 554.045; 554.05; 554.06.

1.8 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.9 Page 2, line 8, delete "asserted"

1.10 Page 2, line 13, delete "or"

1.11 Page 2, line 16, delete the period and insert a semicolon

1.12 Page 2, after line 16, insert:

1.13 "(4) against a person named in a civil suit brought by a victim of a crime against a
1.14 perpetrator;

1.15 (5) against a person named in a civil suit brought to establish or declare real property
1.16 possessory rights, use of real property, recovery of real property, quiet title to real property,
1.17 or related claims relating to real property;

1.18 (6) seeking recovery for bodily injury, wrongful death, or survival or to statements made
1.19 regarding that legal action, unless the claims involve damage to reputation;

1.20 (7) brought under the insurance code or arising out of an insurance contract;

1.21 (8) based on a common law fraud claim;

1.22 (9) brought under chapters 517 to 519A; or counterclaims based on a criminal no-contact
1.23 order pursuant to section 629.72 or 629.75; for or based on an antiharassment order or a
1.24 sexual assault protection order under section 518B.01; or for or based on a vulnerable adult
1.25 protection order for crimes against the vulnerable adult under sections 609.232, 609.2325,
1.26 609.233, 609.2335, and 609.234;

1.27 (10) brought under chapters 175, 177, 178, 179, and 179A; negligent supervision,
1.28 retention, or infliction of emotional distress unless the claims involve damage to reputation;
1.29 wrongful discharge in violation of public policy; whistleblowing; or enforcement of employee
1.30 rights under civil service, collective bargaining, or handbooks and policies;

1.31 (11) brought under consumer protection, chapter 325F or 325G; or

1.32 (12) for any claim brought under federal law.

(d) Sections 554.07 to 554.19 apply to a cause of action asserted under paragraph (c), clause (3), (8), or (11), when the cause of action is:

(1) a legal action against a person arising from any act of that person, whether public or private, related to the gathering, receiving, posting, or processing of information for communication to the public, whether or not the information is actually communicated to the public, for the creation, dissemination, exhibition, or advertisement or other similar promotion of a dramatic, literary, musical, political, journalistic, or otherwise artistic work, including audiovisual work regardless of the means of distribution, a motion picture, a television or radio program, or an article published in a newspaper, website, magazine, or other platform, no matter the method or extent of distribution; or

(2) a legal action against a person related to the communication, gathering, receiving, posting, or processing of consumer opinions or commentary, evaluations of consumer complaints, or reviews or ratings of businesses."

Page 5, line 24, delete "2024" and insert "2025"

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.


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(Committee Chair)

March 4, 2024.....
(Date of Committee recommendation)