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In May 2008, Governor Pawlenty signed into law language that was recommended by the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Policy Group for the purpose of increasing the number of fingerprints taken for offenses where fingerprints are required. Capturing fingerprints where mandated results in more complete and accurate criminal histories, thereby improving public safety. The relevant text accompanies this letter. The law as amended takes effect on Aug. 1, 2008.

Compliance may require changes in business practices related to fingerprinting people who appear at court and without previously being printed. For that reason, the BCA wanted to alert potentially affected stakeholders so they are aware of the law change before it takes effect.

The BCA has created a Web site with relevant information to assist criminal justice agencies comply with the new amendments to existing law. You may access this page by clicking the following link: <http://www.bca.state.mn.us/Suspense/fingerprintlaw.asp>.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance related to the law change, please contact me at (651) 793-1015 or [david.m.johnson@state.mn.us](mailto:david.m.johnson@state.mn.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Johnson".

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