

State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2699

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to disaster assistance; authorizing the use of certain disaster relief
1.3 appropriations for privately owned electrical cooperatives eligible for FEMA
1.4 assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 12A.03, subdivision 1;
1.5 12A.15, subdivision 1.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 12A.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Appropriations in law.** Appropriations for programs and projects
1.9 under this chapter must be made in law. Appropriations from the bond proceeds fund must
1.10 be spent to acquire and to better publicly owned land and buildings and other public
1.11 improvements of a capital nature. All appropriations must be used to assist communities
1.12 and electrical cooperatives within the disaster area to recover. For the purposes of this
1.13 section, the term "electrical cooperatives" means privately owned electrical cooperatives
1.14 eligible for FEMA assistance in the disaster area.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 12A.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.16 Subdivision 1. **State match for federal assistance.** State appropriations may be used
1.17 for payment of the state match for federal disaster assistance to state agencies. If authorized
1.18 in law, state appropriations may be used to pay all or a portion of the local share of the
1.19 match for federal funds for political subdivisions under section 12.221. For the purposes
1.20 of this subdivision, the term "political subdivisions" includes privately owned electrical
1.21 cooperatives eligible for FEMA assistance in a disaster area. An appropriation from the
1.22 bond proceeds fund may be used to fund federal match obligations for publicly owned
1.23 capital improvement projects resulting from the receipt of federal disaster assistance.

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- Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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- This act is effective the day following final enactment.