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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 5172

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; establishing a goal to convert rooms in veterans homes to
1.3 single occupancy; requiring reports; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 198.

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

1.6 Section 1. [198.0015] VETERANS HOMES SINGLE OCCUPANCY GOAL.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Purpose. This section sets a goal to provide single-occupancy
1.8 accommodations for veterans home residents to support the dignity, privacy, and health of
1.9 veterans who reside in state veterans homes.

1.10 Subd. 2. Goal. By 2030, all double occupancy rooms shall be converted to single
1.11 occupancy rooms in the domiciliary care units in state veterans homes. Converting all double
1.12 occupancy rooms to single occupancy rooms is intended to provide the same quality of life
1.13 and privacy to all veterans living in veterans homes.

1.14 Subd. 3. Report. The commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall explore
1.15 options to accomplish the goal under subdivision 2 and develop a plan, which includes a
1.16 timeline for rollout; funding options, including bonding proposals and possible federal
1.17 funding; and an assessment of current demand and future needs. The commissioner shall
1.18 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
1.19 jurisdiction over veterans issues by ... Until 2029, the commissioner shall provide annual
1.20 updates on progress toward the goal in subdivision 1 to the chairs and ranking minority
1.21 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over veterans issues.