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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A bill for an act

relating to military and veterans affairs; appropriating money for military affairs

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No.

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

1.3	and veterans affairs.				
1.4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:				
1.5	Section 1. MILITARY AND VETERANS AF	FAIRS	APPROPRIATIO	NS.	
1.6	The sums shown in the columns marked '	'Approp	oriations" are approp	riated to the	
1.7	agencies and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the general				
1.8	fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each				
1.9	purpose. The figures "2016" and "2017" used in this act mean that the appropriations				
1.10	listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2017,				
1.11	respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017.				
1.12	"The biennium" is fiscal years 2016 and 2017.				
1.13			APPROPRIAT		
1.14 1.15 1.16			Available for the Ending June 2016		
1.15	Sec. 2. MILITARY AFFAIRS		Ending June	30	
1.15 1.16	Sec. 2. MILITARY AFFAIRS Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	<u>\$</u>	Ending June	30	
1.151.161.17		<u>\$</u>	Ending June 2016	2017	
1.15 1.16 1.17 1.18	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	<u>\$</u>	Ending June 2016	2017	
1.15 1.16 1.17 1.18 1.19	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation The amounts that may be spent for each	<u>\$</u>	Ending June 2016	2017	
1.15 1.16 1.17 1.18 1.19 1.20	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following	<u>\$</u>	Ending June 2016	2017	

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2.1	Subd. 4. Enlistment Incentives		10,348,000	10,348,000
2.2	If appropriations for either year of the			
2.3	biennium are insufficient, the appropria	tion		
2.4	from the other year is available. The			
2.5	appropriations for enlistment incentives	are		
2.6	available until June 30, 2019.			
2.7	Sec. 3. <u>VETERANS AFFAIRS</u>			
2.8	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	<u>\$</u>	<u>62,753,000</u> <u>\$</u>	62,753,000
2.9	The amounts that may be spent for each	<u>h</u>		
2.10	purpose are specified in the following			
2.11	subdivisions.			
2.12	Subd. 2. Veterans Programs and Serv	rices	16,240,000	16,240,000
2.13	Veterans Service Organizations. \$353	,000		
2.14	each year is for grants to the following			
2.15	congressionally chartered veterans servi	ice		
2.16	organizations, as designated by the			
2.17	commissioner: Disabled American Vete	erans,		
2.18	Military Order of the Purple Heart, the			
2.19	American Legion, Veterans of Foreign V	Wars,		
2.20	Vietnam Veterans of America, AMVET	<u>'S,</u>		
2.21	and Paralyzed Veterans of America. Th	<u>nis</u>		
2.22	funding must be allocated in direct propo	ortion		
2.23	to the funding currently being provided	by		
2.24	the commissioner to these organizations	<u>3.</u>		
2.25	Minnesota Assistance Council for			
2.26	Veterans. \$750,000 each year is for a g	rant		
2.27	to the Minnesota Assistance Council fo	<u>r</u>		
2.28	Veterans to provide assistance throughout	<u>out</u>		
2.29	Minnesota to veterans and their families	s who		
2.30	are homeless or in danger of homelessn	ess,		
2.31	including assistance with the following:			
2.32	(1) utilities;			
2.33	(2) employment; and			

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3.1	(3) legal issues.		
3.2	The assistance authorized under this		
3.3	paragraph must be made only to veterans who		
3.4	have resided in Minnesota for 30 days prior		
3.5	to application for assistance and according		
3.6	to other guidelines established by the		
3.7	commissioner. In order to avoid duplication		
3.8	of services, the commissioner must ensure		
3.9	that this assistance is coordinated with all		
3.10	other available programs for veterans.		
3.11	Honor Guards. \$200,000 each year is for		
3.12	compensation for honor guards at the funerals		
3.13	of veterans under Minnesota Statutes, section		
3.14	<u>197.231.</u>		
3.15	Minnesota GI Bill. \$200,000 each year is		
3.16	for the costs of administering the Minnesota		
3.17	GI Bill postsecondary educational benefits		
3.18	and on-the-job training and apprenticeship		
3.19	program under Minnesota Statutes, section		
3.20	197.791. Of this amount, \$100,000 is for		
3.21	transfer to the Office of Higher Education.		
3.22	Gold Star Program. \$100,000 each year		
3.23	is for administering the Gold Star Program		
3.24	for surviving family members of deceased		
3.25	veterans.		
3.26	County Veterans Service Office.		
3.27	\$1,100,000 each year is for funding the		
3.28	County Veterans Service Office grant		
3.29	program under Minnesota Statutes, section		
3.30	<u>197.608.</u>		
3.31	Subd. 3. Veterans Homes	46,513,000	46,513,000
3.32	Veterans Homes Special Revenue Account.		
3.33	The general fund appropriations made to the		
3.34	department may be transferred to a veterans		

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- 4.1 <u>homes special revenue account in the special</u>
- revenue fund in the same manner as other
- 4.3 receipts are deposited according to Minnesota
- Statutes, section 198.34, and are appropriated
- 4.5 to the department for the operation of
- veterans homes facilities and programs.

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