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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/19/2017	360	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance
02/02/2017	460	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to tourism; appropriating money for Explore Minnesota Tourism.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.5 (a) \$5,050,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$5,050,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated
1.6 from the general fund to Explore Minnesota Tourism. These amounts are added to the
1.7 agency's base.

1.8 (b) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated
1.9 from the general fund to Explore Minnesota Tourism for information technology
1.10 improvements. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.11 (c) \$375,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$375,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from
1.12 the general fund to Explore Minnesota Tourism to assist in funding and securing major
1.13 events benefiting communities throughout the state. The agency must measure the economic
1.14 impact of visitors on state and local economies, increased lodging and nonlodging sales
1.15 taxes in addition to visitor spending, and increased media awareness of the state as an event
1.16 destination. This is a onetime appropriation.