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H. F. No. 3745

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; providing reimbursement for expenses related to  
1.3 securing a permit to carry for low-income citizens; establishing The Affordable  
1.4 Self-Protection Act; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in  
1.5 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 624.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[624.7145] GRANTS FOR PERMITS TO CARRY PISTOLS.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** The commissioner of public safety shall reimburse  
1.9 eligible applicants for 50 percent of the cost of securing a permit to carry a pistol under  
1.10 section 624.714, including the permit fee assessed by the issuing authority and the  
1.11 mandatory training course fee. The commissioner shall establish specific eligibility and  
1.12 application criteria for grants under this section. The commissioner shall develop a grant  
1.13 application form and make the form available to sheriffs and chiefs of police delegated the  
1.14 authority to issue permits under section 624.714. Permit-issuing authorities must provide  
1.15 a copy of the grant application form to each citizen who is issued a permit to carry. Grants  
1.16 shall be awarded to the extent the legislature appropriates funds for this purpose and as  
1.17 long as appropriated funds remain available.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, an "eligible applicant" is a  
1.19 resident of the state who has an annual income of less than 200 percent of the federal  
1.20 poverty guidelines.

1.21 Subd. 3. **Title.** This section may be cited as "The Affordable Self-Protection Act."

1.22 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

- 2.1 \$50,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.2 of public safety to fund reimbursement grants under The Affordable Self-Protection Act.  
2.3 This amount shall be added to the department's base.