

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-SECOND SESSION**

S.F. No. 704

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/08/2021	275	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Agriculture and Rural Development Finance and Policy
03/15/2021	892	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to agriculture; modifying the availability of a 2020 appropriation; requiring

1.3 a report; amending Laws 2020, chapter 101, section 5, subdivisions 2, 7.

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

1.5 Section 1. Laws 2020, chapter 101, section 5, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Farm advocate services.** (a) \$60,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from

1.7 the coronavirus relief federal fund to the commissioner of agriculture for additional farm

1.8 advocate services in response to the COVID-19 crisis. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.9 (b) By January 31, 2022, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking minority

1.10 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture finance regarding

1.11 the uses of this appropriation. This report must include but is not limited to a description

1.12 of the methods used to recruit applicants for this position and list the number of people who

1.13 applied for positions created by this appropriation, the number of people interviewed for

1.14 positions created by this appropriation, and the number of people hired for positions created

1.15 by this appropriation.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from December 30, 2020.

1.17 Sec. 2. Laws 2020, chapter 101, section 5, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 7. **Eligible expenditure from the coronavirus relief fund.** (a) No money in this

1.19 section may be spent until the commissioner of management and budget determines that

1.20 the appropriations in this section are an eligible use of the coronavirus relief fund.

2.1 (b) The commissioner may transfer funds between the appropriations under subdivisions
2.2 4 and 6 based on need, the availability of nonstate funds, or other factors.

2.3 (c) The appropriations in ~~this section~~ subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are available until
2.4 December 30, 2020. The appropriation in subdivision 2 is available until December 31,
2.5 2021.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from December 30, 2020.