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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3770

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; requiring a constitutional amendment to adopt designs
1.3 for state emblems; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 1.135,
1.4 subdivisions 3a, 6; Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, sections 1; 2; 3; 4; 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 1.135, subdivision 3a, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 3a. Official seal; May 11, 2024, and thereafter. The Great Seal of the State of
1.9 Minnesota is the design as certified in the report of the State Emblems Redesign Commission,
1.10 as established by Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 118.

1.11 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2024.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 1.135, subdivision 6, is amended to
1.13 read:

1.14 Subd. 6. State's duties. State agencies and departments using the seal, its impression,
1.15 or its likeness shall make every effort to bring any seal, impression, or likeness currently
1.16 fixed to a permanent object into accordance with this section and section 4.04. Expendable
1.17 material to which the seal in effect prior to May 11 January 1, 2024, or any impression,
1.18 scene, or likeness of that seal is currently affixed may be used until the supply is exhausted
1.19 or until January 1, 2025 two years after adoption of a constitutional amendment to define
1.20 the Great Seal, whichever occurs first. All unused dies and engravings of the Great Seal
1.21 shall be given to the Minnesota Historical Society, along with all historical information
1.22 available about the seal, to be retained in the society's permanent collection.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2024.

2.2 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 1, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~May 11, 2024~~ upon adoption of a
2.4 constitutional amendment to define the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota as the seal
2.5 selected by the State Emblems Redesign Commission of 2023.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2024.

2.7 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 2, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~May 11, 2024~~ upon adoption of a
2.9 constitutional amendment to define the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota as the seal
2.10 selected by the State Emblems Redesign Commission of 2023.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2024.

2.12 Sec. 5. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 3, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~May 11, 2024~~ upon adoption of a
2.14 constitutional amendment to define the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota as the seal
2.15 selected by the State Emblems Redesign Commission of 2023.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2024.

2.17 Sec. 6. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 4, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~May 11, 2024~~ upon adoption of a
2.19 constitutional amendment to define the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota as the seal
2.20 selected by the State Emblems Redesign Commission of 2023.

2.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2024.

2.22 Sec. 7. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 5, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective ~~May 11, 2024~~ upon adoption of a
2.24 constitutional amendment to define the design of the flag of the State of Minnesota as the
2.25 flag design selected by the State Emblems Redesign Commission of 2023.

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2024.