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H. F. No. 3224

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Agriculture and Food Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing farm safety grant programs; appropriating
1.3 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 17.

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

1.5 Section 1. [17.1195] FARM SAFETY GRANT PROGRAMS.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Tractor rollover grants; eligibility. (a) The commissioner must award
1.7 grants to Minnesota farmers and Minnesota schools that retrofit eligible tractors with eligible
1.8 rollover protective structures.

1.9 (b) Grants for farmers are limited to 70 percent of the farmer's documented cost to
1.10 purchase, ship, and install an eligible rollover protective structure. The commissioner must
1.11 increase a farmer's grant award amount over the 70 percent grant limitation requirement if
1.12 necessary to limit a farmer's cost per tractor to no more than \$500.

1.13 (c) Schools are eligible for grants that cover the full amount of a school's documented
1.14 cost to purchase, ship, and install an eligible rollover protective structure.

1.15 (d) A rollover protective structure is eligible if it is certified to appropriate national or
1.16 international rollover protection structure standards with a seat belt.

1.17 (e) "Eligible tractor" means a tractor that was built before 1987.

1.18 Subd. 2. Grain storage facility safety grants; eligibility. (a) The commissioner must
1.19 award cost-share grants to Minnesota farmers who purchase grain storage facility safety
1.20 protection equipment. Grants are limited to 75 percent of the farmer's documented cost to
1.21 purchase, ship, and install grain storage facility safety protection equipment or \$500,000,
1.22 whichever is less.

- 2.1 (b) Eligible grain storage facility safety protection equipment includes:
- 2.2 (1) fall protection systems;
- 2.3 (2) engineering controls to prevent contact with an auger or other moving parts;
- 2.4 (3) dust collection systems to minimize explosion hazards; and
- 2.5 (4) other grain storage facility safety protection equipment approved by the commissioner.

2.6 Subd. 3. **Promotion; administration.** The commissioner may spend up to six percent

2.7 of total program dollars each fiscal year to promote and administer the program to Minnesota

2.8 farmers and schools.

2.9 Subd. 4. **Nonstate sources; appropriation.** The commissioner must accept contributions

2.10 from nonstate sources to supplement state appropriations for this program. Contributions

2.11 received under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of this

2.12 section.

2.13 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.14 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2021 to the commissioner of

2.15 agriculture for farm safety grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1195.