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A bill for an act

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relating to housing; appropriating money for Open Access Connection voice

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mail services.

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

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; OPEN ACCESS CONNECTION.**

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\$85,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$85,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from

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the general fund to Open Access Connection to provide free voice mail services for

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homeless and low-income people throughout Minnesota so that they have a reliable and

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consistent communication tool to aid in their search for affordable housing and to help

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those individuals find and keep jobs that will allow them to maintain their housing. In

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addition to programs already available in greater Minnesota, \$15,000 each year must

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be used to increase use of and access to community voice mail in the areas outside the

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seven-county metropolitan area.