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A bill for an act

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relating to health; creating an advisory task force on the creation of a division of

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healthy aging; appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. **ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON THE CREATION OF A DIVISION**

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**OF HEALTHY AGING.**

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Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The advisory task force on the creation of a division

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of healthy aging consists of the following nine members:

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(1) the commissioner of the Department of Health, or a designee;

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(2) the executive director of the Board on Aging, or a designee;

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(3) the director of the Department of Human Services, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing

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Services Division, or a designee;

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(4) one person designated by the American Association of Retired Persons,

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Minnesota;

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(5) one person designated by the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind, and

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Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans;

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(6) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house;

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(7) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader; and

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(8) one senator from the senate majority party and one senator from the senate

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minority party appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules

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and Administration.

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Subd. 2. **Vacancies.** Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the appointing

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or designating authority for the vacating member.

2.1 Subd. 3. **First appointments; first meeting; chair.** Members shall be appointed  
2.2 or designated by August 1, 2016. The commissioner of health must convene the initial  
2.3 meeting of the task force by September 1, 2016. The commissioner of the Department of  
2.4 Health or the commissioner's designee will serve as chair of the task force.

2.5 Subd. 4. **Compensation.** Public members of the task force shall be compensated as  
2.6 provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

2.7 Subd. 5. **Space and administrative assistance.** The commissioner of health must  
2.8 provide meeting space and administrative services for the task force.

2.9 Subd. 6. **Duties.** The task force must develop a recommendation on the advisability  
2.10 of establishing a division of healthy aging within the Department of Health. In developing  
2.11 this recommendation, the task force shall consider the following:

2.12 (1) the benefits and costs of establishing a division of healthy aging within the  
2.13 Department of Health; and

2.14 (2) the scope of work that would be assigned to the division; how it would differ  
2.15 from the work of the Board on Aging; what its staffing needs would be; and how the  
2.16 division would impact existing divisions.

2.17 Subd. 7. **Report.** The task force must submit a report by January 15, 2017, to  
2.18 the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the senate and house  
2.19 of representatives with primary jurisdiction over health, human services, and aging,  
2.20 summarizing its findings and listing recommendations. The report shall include draft  
2.21 legislation if needed to implement the recommendations of the task force.

2.22 Subd. 8. **Sunset.** The task force shall sunset the day following the submission of the  
2.23 report required under subdivision 7, or January 15, 2017, whichever is earlier.

2.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.25 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.26 \$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.27 of health for the purposes of section 1.

2.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.