

A bill for an act
relating to workers' health; directing the University of Minnesota to study
workers' health including lung health; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WORKERS'
HEALTH STUDY.**

(a) \$4,900,000 in fiscal year 2008 is appropriated from the workers' compensation
special fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 176.129, to the Board of Regents of
the University of Minnesota for the purposes of this section. Notwithstanding section
176.129, subdivision 6, the appropriation must be used for a study of workers' health. The
study must include a comprehensive science and evidence-based study of workers' lung
health. The university, as the lead agency, must develop, conduct and coordinate the study
in partnership with the Department of Health, the Department of Natural Resources, the
Pollution Control Agency, business and industry, local health providers and organizations,
other affected groups, and other state, federal, and local agencies. This is a onetime
appropriation that does not cancel and is available until expended.

(b) At a minimum, the study funded under this section must include industry-specific
worker mortality and morbidity studies, clinical disease studies, exposure assessments,
case-control screening of current and former workers, and environmental studies that
assess health impacts on workers and communities. The university must begin the studies
in 2008 and complete them no later than 2013. The university, in conjunction with
its partners in the workers' health study, must report annually to the committees of the
legislature with responsibility for health and workers' safety until the study is completed.

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- 2.1 Each annual report must present the preliminary findings of the workers' health studies
- 2.2 and recommendations based on those findings.