

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 general fund to the
Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for 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 December 31, 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. Each annual report must present the preliminary findings of the
workers' health studies and recommendations based on those findings.

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2.1 Sec. 2. **TRANSFER.**

2.2 By June 30, 2008, the commissioner of finance shall transfer \$4,900,000 in assets of
2.3 the workers' compensation assigned risk plan created under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.4 79.252, to the general fund.

2.5 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.6 This act is effective the day following final enactment.