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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to legislative enactments; correcting miscellaneous oversights,

1.3 inconsistencies, ambiguities, unintended results, and technical errors; amending

1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 17.1017, subdivision 9, as amended; 17.1018,

1.5 subdivision 1, as amended; 223.17, subdivision 3, as amended; 504B.161,

1.6 subdivision 1, as amended; Laws 2025, chapter 6, section 9; Laws 2025, chapter

1.7 34, article 1, section 2, subdivisions 3, 4; Laws 2025, chapter 36, article 4, section

1.8 8, subdivision 5; Laws 2025, chapter 39, article 7; 2025 First Special Session H.F.

1.9 No. 2, article 1, section 48, subdivision 1, if enacted; 2025 First Special Session

1.10 H.F. No. 3, article 2, section 36, if enacted.

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

1.12 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 504B.161, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws

1.13 2025, chapter 32, article 4, section 4, is amended to read:

1.14 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) In every lease or license of residential premises, the

1.15 landlord or licensor covenants:

1.16 (1) that the premises and all common areas are fit for the use intended by the parties;

1.17 (2) to keep the premises and all common areas in reasonable repair during the term of

1.18 the lease or license, including services and conditions listed in section 504B.381, subdivision

1.19 1, and extermination of insects, rodents, vermin, or other pests on the premises, except when

1.20 the disrepair has been caused by the willful, malicious, or irresponsible conduct of the tenant

1.21 or licensee or a person under the direction or control of the tenant or licensee;

1.22 (3) to make the premises and all common areas reasonably energy efficient by installing

1.23 weatherstripping, caulking, storm windows, and storm doors when any such measure will

1.24 result in energy procurement cost savings, based on current and projected average residential

2.1 energy costs in Minnesota, that will exceed the cost of implementing that measure, including
 2.2 interest, amortized over the ten-year period following the incurring of the cost;

2.3 (4) to maintain the premises and all common areas in compliance with the applicable
 2.4 health and safety laws of the United States, of the state, and of the local units of government,
 2.5 including ordinances regulating rental licensing, where the premises are located during the
 2.6 term of the lease or license, except when violation of the health and safety laws has been
 2.7 caused by the willful, malicious, or irresponsible conduct of the tenant or licensee or a
 2.8 person under the direction or control of the tenant or licensee; and

2.9 (5) to equip or furnish heat ~~capable of maintaining~~ at a minimum temperature of 68
 2.10 degrees Fahrenheit in all places intended for habitation including kitchens and bathrooms
 2.11 from October 1 through April 30, unless a utility company requires and instructs the heat
 2.12 to be reduced.

2.13 (b) The parties to a lease or license of residential premises may not waive or modify the
 2.14 covenants imposed by this section.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

2.16 Sec. 2. **LAWS EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.17 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, Laws 2025, chapter 30, article 1, section
 2.18 4, is effective June 20, 2025.

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

2.20 Sec. 3. Laws 2025, chapter 39, article 7, is amended by adding a section to read:

2.21 Sec. 23. **REPEALER.**

2.22 Minnesota Rules, part 4511.1100, is repealed.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2025.

2.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.25 This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.26 Sec. 4. Laws 2025, chapter 36, article 4, section 8, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.27 Subd. 5. **Community Identity and Heritage**

2.28 **Competitive Grant Program**

8,799,000

7,368,000

3.1 (a) \$8,799,000 the first year and \$7,368,000
3.2 the second year are for a competitive grant
3.3 program to provide funding to organizations
3.4 or individuals working to create, celebrate,
3.5 and teach the art, culture, and heritage of the
3.6 many diverse cultural groups that make up
3.7 Minnesota, including but not limited to
3.8 Indigenous organizations, communities whose
3.9 culture and heritage have been historically
3.10 underrepresented, recent immigrant
3.11 communities, and veterans. An individual or
3.12 organization that receives a grant under this
3.13 subdivision must do at least one of the
3.14 following:

3.15 (1) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of
3.16 Minnesota;

3.17 (2) provide education and student outreach on
3.18 cultural diversity;

3.19 (3) support the development of culturally
3.20 diverse humanities programming, including
3.21 arts programming, by individuals and
3.22 organizations; or

3.23 (4) empower communities in building identity
3.24 and culture, including preserving and honoring
3.25 communities whose Indigenous cultures are
3.26 endangered or disappearing.

3.27 (b) The Minnesota Humanities Center must
3.28 give priority consideration for grants to Art
3.29 from the Inside, arts programs in the
3.30 Moorhead and Maplewood cultural malls, the
3.31 Asian Economic Development Association,
3.32 Capri Theater, the Minnesota State Band,
3.33 Fight for Your Dreams, HIRPHA International
3.34 for Oromo youth programs, the Hmong

4.1 Cultural Center, Midnimo, MN Zej Zog,
4.2 People in Action, the Phyllis Wheatley
4.3 Community Center, Safe Summer Nights,
4.4 Siengkane Lao MN, the Stairstep Foundation,
4.5 and the Walker West Music Academy.

4.6 (c) At least 75 percent of the amount in
4.7 ~~paragraphs (d) to (f)~~ each paragraph of this
4.8 subdivision must be for grants of less than
4.9 \$200,000. A grant awarded to an entity
4.10 receiving priority consideration under
4.11 paragraphs (b) and (d) ~~to (f)~~ must not exceed
4.12 \$200,000.

4.13 (d) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$1,500,000
4.14 each year is for grants to community-based
4.15 organizations and local governments to
4.16 support cultural festivals and events
4.17 throughout the state. The funding may support
4.18 arts and cultural programming, staffing,
4.19 community outreach, transportation, facilities
4.20 and equipment rentals, signage, and public
4.21 safety expense reimbursements. The
4.22 Minnesota Humanities Center must give
4.23 priority consideration for funding under this
4.24 paragraph to the Somali Museum Annual
4.25 Celebration, Twin Cities Jazz Fest, Selby
4.26 Avenue Jazz Fest, the International Hmong
4.27 Freedom Festival, Cinco de Mayo festival,
4.28 and Rondo Days in St. Paul; the Hiddo Soor
4.29 International Somali Cultural Festival in
4.30 Plymouth; Somali Independence Day in St.
4.31 Paul; sesquicentennial celebrations in Osseo
4.32 and Delano; Taste of Minnesota; and IgboFest
4.33 Minnesota.

4.34 (e) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$750,000
4.35 the first year and \$750,000 the second year

5.1 are for grants to community-based
 5.2 organizations and local governments for
 5.3 museums, exhibits, and collections.

5.4 (f) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$250,000
 5.5 the first year and \$250,000 the second year
 5.6 are for grants to provide funding to ethnic
 5.7 media organizations creating video content in
 5.8 a language other than English.

5.9 Sec. 5. Laws 2025, chapter 6, section 9, is amended to read:

5.10 **Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE; LOCAL APPROVAL.**

5.11 ~~This act is~~ Sections 1 to 6 and section 8 are effective the day after the governing body
 5.12 of the North Koochiching sanitary sewer board and its chief clerical officer comply with
 5.13 the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

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

5.15 Sec. 6. [CORRSS25-07] 2025 First Special Session H.F. No. 3, article 2, section 36, if
 5.16 enacted, is amended to read:

5.17 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.4914, is amended by adding a subdivision
 5.18 to read:

5.19 Subd. 14a. **Limitations on rate exceptions for residential services.** (a) Effective July
 5.20 1, 2026, the commissioner must implement limitations on the rate exceptions for community
 5.21 residential services, customized living services, family residential services, and integrated
 5.22 community supports.

5.23 (b) The commissioner must restrict rate exceptions to the absence and utilization factor
 5.24 ratio to people temporarily receiving hospital or crisis respite services.

5.25 (c) For rate exceptions related to behavioral needs, the lead agency must include:

5.26 (1) a documented behavioral diagnosis; or

5.27 (2) determined assessed needs for behavioral supports as identified in the person's most
 5.28 recent assessment or reassessment under section 256B.0911.

5.29 (d) Community residential services rate exceptions must not include positive support
 5.30 services costs.

6.1 (e) The commissioner must not approve rate exception requests related to increased
6.2 community time or transportation.

6.3 (f) For the commissioner to approve a rate exception annual renewal, the person's most
6.4 recent assessment must indicate continued extraordinary needs in the areas cited in the
6.5 exception request. If a person's assessment continues to identify these extraordinary needs,
6.6 lead agencies requesting an annual renewal of rate exceptions must submit documentation
6.7 supporting the continuation of the exception. At a minimum, documentation must include:

6.8 (1) payroll records for direct care wages cited in the request;

6.9 (2) payment records or receipts for other costs cited in the request; and

6.10 (3) documentation of expenses paid that were identified as necessary for the initial rate
6.11 exception.

6.12 (g) The commissioner must not increase rate exception annual renewals that request an
6.13 exception to direct care or supervision wages more than the most recently implemented
6.14 update to the base wage index determined under subdivision 5 5b.

6.15 (h) The commissioner must publish online an annual report detailing the impact of the
6.16 limitations under this subdivision on home and community-based services spending, including
6.17 but not limited to:

6.18 (1) the number and percentage of rate exceptions granted and denied;

6.19 (2) total spending on community residential setting services and rate exceptions;

6.20 (3) trends in the percentage of spending attributable to rate exceptions; and

6.21 (4) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the limitations in controlling spending growth.

6.22 Sec. 7. [CORR25-SS05] 2025 First Special Session H.F. No. 2, article 1, section 48,
6.23 subdivision 1, if enacted, is amended to read:

6.24 Subdivision 1. **Duty to perform testing.** (a) It is the duty of (1) the administrative officer
6.25 or other person in charge of each institution caring for infants 28 days or less of age, (2) the
6.26 person required in pursuance of the provisions of section 144.215, to register the birth of a
6.27 child, or (3) the nurse midwife or midwife in attendance at the birth, to arrange to have
6.28 administered to every infant or child in its care tests for heritable and congenital disorders
6.29 according to subdivision 2 and rules prescribed by the state commissioner of health.

6.30 (b) Testing, recording of test results, reporting of test results, and follow-up of infants
6.31 with heritable congenital disorders, including hearing loss detected through the early hearing

7.1 detection and intervention program in section 144.966, shall be performed at the times and
7.2 in the manner prescribed by the commissioner of health.

7.3 (c) The fee to support the newborn screening program, including tests administered
7.4 under this section and section 144.966, shall be ~~\$184~~ \$184.35 per specimen. This fee amount
7.5 shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state government special revenue
7.6 fund.

7.7 (d) The fee to offset the cost of the support services provided under section 144.966,
7.8 subdivision 3a, shall be \$15 per specimen. This fee shall be deposited in the state treasury
7.9 and credited to the general fund.

7.10 Sec. 8. [CORR25SS-01] Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 223.17, subdivision 3, as
7.11 amended by Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 3, section 33, is amended to read:

7.12 Subd. 3. **Grain buyers and storage account; fees.** (a) The commissioner shall set the
7.13 examination fees at levels necessary to pay the expenses of administering and enforcing
7.14 sections 223.15 to 223.22. The fee for any license issued or renewed after June 30, 2025,
7.15 is \$500 for each licensed location.

7.16 (b) In addition to the license fee required under paragraph (a), a grain buyer must pay
7.17 to the commissioner an annual examination fee for each licensed location, as follows:

7.18 (1) examination fees must be calculated based on bushel capacity of each licensed
7.19 location with a charge of \$0.0035 per bushel of capacity;

7.20 (2) examination fees must not be less than \$350 and must not exceed \$4,000; and

7.21 (3) a licensed location with no grain bin capacity must be charged a \$200 examination
7.22 fee.

7.23 (c) ~~Examination~~ Fees for each licensed location must not increase more than 150 percent
7.24 above the ~~examination~~ fee for the licensed location in the previous year.

7.25 (d) The fee for any supplemental examination required by the commissioner under
7.26 section 223.23 is \$110 per hour per examiner.

7.27 (e) A licensed grain buyer meeting the annual examination requirements under section
7.28 223.23 is exempt from the fees under paragraph (b) if the annual examination is conducted
7.29 by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the United State Department of Agriculture.

7.30 (f) A penalty amount not to exceed ten percent of the fees due may be imposed by the
7.31 commissioner for each month for which the fees are delinquent.

8.1 (g) There is created the grain buyers and storage account in the agricultural fund. Money
8.2 collected pursuant to sections 223.15 to 223.23 shall be paid into the state treasury and
8.3 credited to the grain buyers and storage account. Money in the account, including interest,
8.4 is appropriated to the commissioner for the administration and enforcement of sections
8.5 223.15 to 223.23.

8.6 Sec. 9. [CORR25SS-02] Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 17.1017, subdivision 9, as
8.7 amended by Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 3, section 1, is amended to read:

8.8 Subd. 9. **Legislative report.** The commissioner, in cooperation with any economic or
8.9 community development financial institution and any other entity with which it contracts,
8.10 shall submit an annual report on the ~~good food access~~ retail improvement and development
8.11 program by January 15 of each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
8.12 house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over
8.13 agriculture policy and finance. The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, a
8.14 summary of the following metrics:

8.15 (1) the number and types of projects financed;

8.16 (2) the amount of dollars leveraged or matched per project;

8.17 (3) the geographic distribution of financed projects;

8.18 (4) the number and types of technical assistance recipients;

8.19 (5) the demographics of the areas served;

8.20 (6) the costs of the program;

8.21 (7) the number of SNAP dollars spent;

8.22 (8) any increase in retail square footage;

8.23 (9) the number of loans or grants to businesses owned by women and Black, Indigenous,
8.24 or Persons of Color; and

8.25 (10) measurable economic and health outcomes, including, but not limited to, increases
8.26 in sales and consumption of locally sourced and other fresh fruits and vegetables, the number
8.27 of construction and retail jobs retained or created, and any health initiatives associated with
8.28 the program.

9.1 Sec. 10. [CORR25SS-02] Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 17.1018, subdivision 1, as
9.2 amended by Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 3, section 2, is amended to read:

9.3 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings
9.4 given them:

9.5 (1) "program" means the ~~good food access~~ retail improvement and development program
9.6 under section 17.1017; and

9.7 (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture.

9.8 Sec. 11. [CORR25SS-04] Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, is
9.9 amended to read:

9.10	Subd. 3. Agricultural Marketing and	22,851,000	22,601,000
9.11	Development	<u>23,551,000</u>	<u>23,301,000</u>

9.12 (a) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
9.13 second year are for the continuation of the
9.14 dairy development and profitability
9.15 enhancement program, including dairy
9.16 profitability teams and dairy business planning
9.17 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.18 32D.30.

9.19 (b) The commissioner may use funds
9.20 appropriated in this subdivision for annual
9.21 cost-share payments to resident farmers or
9.22 entities that sell, process, or package
9.23 agricultural products in this state for the costs
9.24 of organic certification. The commissioner
9.25 may allocate these funds for assistance to
9.26 persons transitioning from conventional to
9.27 organic agriculture.

9.28 (c) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
9.29 second year are for mental health outreach and
9.30 support to farmers, ranchers, farm workers
9.31 and employees, and others in the agricultural
9.32 community and profession and for farm and
9.33 farm worker safety grant and outreach

10.1 programs under Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.2 17.1195. Mental health outreach and support
 10.3 may include a 24-hour hotline, stigma
 10.4 reduction, and education. Notwithstanding
 10.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
 10.6 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
 10.7 end of the first year and is available in the
 10.8 second year. The base for this appropriation
 10.9 is \$50,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
 10.10 thereafter.

10.11 (d) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the
 10.12 second year are for the local food purchasing
 10.13 assistance grant program under article 3,
 10.14 section 35. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 10.15 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered
 10.16 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
 10.17 year and is available in the second year.

10.18 ~~(d)~~ (e) \$18,257,000 the first year and
 10.19 \$18,007,000 the second year are for the
 10.20 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
 10.21 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.22 41A.12. The base for this appropriation is
 10.23 \$17,449,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
 10.24 thereafter.

10.25 ~~(e)~~ (f) Except as provided in paragraph ~~(f)~~ (g),
 10.26 the commissioner may allocate the
 10.27 appropriation in paragraph ~~(d)~~ (e) each year
 10.28 among the following areas: facilitating the
 10.29 startup, modernization, improvement, or
 10.30 expansion of livestock operations, including
 10.31 beginning and transitioning livestock
 10.32 operations with preference given to robotic
 10.33 dairy-milking equipment; assisting
 10.34 value-added agricultural businesses to begin
 10.35 or expand, to access new markets, or to

11.1 diversify, including aquaponics systems, with
 11.2 preference given to hemp fiber processing
 11.3 equipment; facilitating the startup,
 11.4 modernization, or expansion of other
 11.5 beginning and transitioning farms, including
 11.6 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
 11.7 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
 11.8 on-farm research and demonstration; the
 11.9 development or expansion of food hubs and
 11.10 other alternative community-based food
 11.11 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
 11.12 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
 11.13 including basic and applied turf seed research;
 11.14 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
 11.15 supporting the commercialization of an
 11.16 innovative material additive utilizing
 11.17 agricultural coproducts or waste streams to
 11.18 produce fiber-based barrier packaging to
 11.19 reduce perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
 11.20 substances (PFAS) and plastics in packaging
 11.21 products; and good agricultural practices and
 11.22 good handling practices certification
 11.23 assistance. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 11.24 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the
 11.25 commissioner may use up to 7.5 percent of
 11.26 the appropriation in paragraph ~~(d)~~ (e) for costs
 11.27 incurred to administer the program.
 11.28 ~~(f)~~ (g) Of the amount appropriated for the
 11.29 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
 11.30 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
 11.31 41A.12:
 11.32 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 11.33 the second year are for distribution in equal
 11.34 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to
 11.35 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

12.1 (2) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
12.2 the second year are for incentive payments
12.3 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,
12.4 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. If this
12.5 appropriation exceeds the total amount for
12.6 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
12.7 year, the balance of the appropriation is
12.8 available for other purposes under this
12.9 paragraph;

12.10 (3) \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000
12.11 the second year are for grants that enable retail
12.12 petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and
12.13 other equipment to dispense biofuels to the
12.14 public in accordance with the biofuel
12.15 replacement goals established under
12.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
12.17 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
12.18 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
12.19 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
12.20 under this clause if the retail petroleum
12.21 dispenser has no more than 20 retail petroleum
12.22 dispensing sites and each site is located in
12.23 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to
12.24 replace or upgrade equipment that does not
12.25 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
12.26 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost
12.27 of the appropriate technology. A grant award
12.28 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The
12.29 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel
12.30 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant
12.31 program. The commissioner, in cooperation
12.32 with any economic or community development
12.33 financial institution and any other entity with
12.34 which the commissioner contracts, must
12.35 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
12.36 financial assistance program by January 15

13.1 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
13.2 members of the legislative committees and
13.3 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
13.4 policy and finance. The annual report must
13.5 include but not be limited to a summary of the
13.6 following metrics: (i) the number and types
13.7 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars
13.8 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
13.9 geographic distribution of financed projects;
13.10 (iv) any market expansion associated with
13.11 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
13.12 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
13.13 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
13.14 minority-owned or female-owned businesses;
13.15 (4) \$350,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
13.16 second year are for grants to facilitate the
13.17 startup, modernization, or expansion of meat,
13.18 poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities. A
13.19 grant award under this clause must not exceed
13.20 \$200,000;
13.21 (5) \$1,594,000 the first year and \$1,544,000
13.22 the second year are for providing more fruits,
13.23 vegetables, meat, poultry, grain, and dairy for
13.24 children in school and early childhood
13.25 education settings, including, at the
13.26 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
13.27 to reimburse schools and early childhood
13.28 education and child care providers for
13.29 purchasing equipment and agricultural
13.30 products. Of the amount appropriated,
13.31 \$150,000 each year is for a statewide
13.32 coordinator of farm-to-institution strategy and
13.33 programming. The coordinator must consult
13.34 with relevant stakeholders and provide
13.35 technical assistance and training for

14.1 participating farmers and eligible grant
14.2 recipients. The base for this appropriation is
14.3 \$1,636,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
14.4 thereafter. At the commissioner's discretion,
14.5 for state administration of federal cooperative
14.6 agreements for purchasing Minnesota grown
14.7 and raised foods for schools, child care
14.8 providers, food banks, and other institutions,
14.9 the commissioner may use an amount of state
14.10 funds equal to no more than 7.5 percent of the
14.11 total federal funds awarded to the state. The
14.12 commissioner shall expend any available
14.13 federal administrative funds awarded for this
14.14 purpose before using state funds;

14.15 (6) up to \$1,750,000 the first year and up to
14.16 \$1,750,000 the second year are for grants to
14.17 facilitate the development of urban agriculture,
14.18 including projects related to youth education,
14.19 community and economic development,
14.20 value-added processing, and vocational
14.21 training;

14.22 (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
14.23 the second year are for the food retail
14.24 improvement and development program under
14.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1017;

14.26 (8) up to \$200,000 the first year and up to
14.27 \$200,000 the second year are for cooperative
14.28 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
14.29 section 17.1016;

14.30 (9) \$250,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
14.31 second year are for the protecting livestock
14.32 grant program for producers to support the
14.33 installation of measures to prevent the
14.34 transmission of avian influenza. For the
14.35 appropriation in this clause, a grant applicant

15.1 must document a cost-share of 20 percent. An
15.2 applicant's cost-share amount may be reduced
15.3 up to \$2,000 to cover time and labor costs.

15.4 This is a onetime appropriation; and

15.5 (10) up to \$525,000 the first year and up to
15.6 \$525,000 the second year are to award AGRI
15.7 Works grants to institutions and organizations
15.8 to provide regional and statewide services.

15.9 Preference shall be given to legislatively
15.10 created entities and organizations that enhance
15.11 agricultural, horticultural, or rural community
15.12 and economic development, marketing, and
15.13 promotion, and research and education. A
15.14 grant award under this clause must not exceed
15.15 \$200,000. Grants made under this paragraph
15.16 are subject to the requirements in Minnesota
15.17 Statutes, sections 16B.98 and 16B.981. This
15.18 is a onetime appropriation.

15.19 ~~(g)~~ (h) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
15.20 section 16A.28, the appropriation in paragraph
15.21 ~~(d)~~ (e) does not cancel at the end of the second
15.22 year and is available until June 30, 2029.

15.23 Appropriations encumbered under contract on
15.24 or before June 30, 2029, for agricultural
15.25 growth, research, and innovation grants are
15.26 available until June 30, 2032. At the end of
15.27 fiscal year 2027, the commissioner must
15.28 prioritize any money resulting from canceled
15.29 contracts to be used for AGRI Works grants
15.30 under paragraph ~~(f)~~ (g), clause (10).

16.1 Sec. 12. [CORR25-08] Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, is
 16.2 amended to read:

16.3	Subd. 4. Administration and Financial	14,879,000	11,845,000
16.4	Assistance	<u>14,179,000</u>	<u>11,145,000</u>

16.5 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
 16.6 second year are for payments to county and
 16.7 district agricultural societies and associations
 16.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
 16.9 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
 16.10 district agricultural societies and associations
 16.11 must be disbursed no later than July 15 each
 16.12 year. These payments are the amount of aid
 16.13 from the state for an annual fair held in the
 16.14 previous calendar year.

16.15 (b) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
 16.16 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
 16.17 Agricultural Education and Leadership
 16.18 Council for programs of the council under
 16.19 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D. The base for
 16.20 this appropriation is \$250,000 in fiscal year
 16.21 2028 and each year thereafter.

16.22 (c) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000
 16.23 the second year are to award and administer
 16.24 farm down payment assistance grants under
 16.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133, with
 16.26 priority given to eligible applicants with no
 16.27 more than \$100,000 in annual gross farm
 16.28 product sales and eligible applicants who are
 16.29 producers of industrial hemp, cannabis, or one
 16.30 or more of the following specialty crops as
 16.31 defined by the United States Department of
 16.32 Agriculture for purposes of the specialty crop
 16.33 block grant program: fruits and vegetables,
 16.34 tree nuts, dried fruits, medicinal plants,
 16.35 culinary herbs and spices, horticulture crops,

17.1 floriculture crops, and nursery crops.

17.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section

17.3 16A.28, any unencumbered balance at the end

17.4 of the first year does not cancel and is

17.5 available in the second year and appropriations

17.6 encumbered under contract by June 30, 2027,

17.7 are available until June 30, 2029. The base for

17.8 this appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year

17.9 2028 and each year thereafter.

17.10 (d) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000

17.11 the second year are for the purchase of milk

17.12 for distribution to Minnesota's food shelves

17.13 and other charitable organizations that are

17.14 eligible to receive food from the food banks.

17.15 Milk purchased with grant money must be

17.16 acquired from Minnesota milk processors and

17.17 based on low-cost bids. The milk must be

17.18 allocated to each Feeding America food bank

17.19 serving Minnesota according to the formula

17.20 used in the distribution of United States

17.21 Department of Agriculture commodities under

17.22 The Emergency Food Assistance Program.

17.23 The commissioner may enter into contracts or

17.24 agreements with food banks for shared funding

17.25 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of

17.26 milk. Each food bank that receives funding

17.27 under this paragraph may use up to two

17.28 percent for administrative expenses.

17.29 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section

17.30 16A.28, any unencumbered balance the first

17.31 year does not cancel and is available the

17.32 second year.

17.33 (e) \$260,000 the first year and \$260,000 the

17.34 second year are for a pass-through grant to

17.35 Region Five Development Commission to

18.1 provide, in collaboration with Farm Business
18.2 Management, statewide mental health
18.3 counseling support to Minnesota farm
18.4 operators, families, and employees, and
18.5 individuals who work with Minnesota farmers
18.6 in a professional capacity. Region Five
18.7 Development Commission may use up to 7.5
18.8 percent of the grant awarded under this
18.9 paragraph for administration.

18.10 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
18.11 the second year are to expand the Emerging
18.12 Farmers Office and provide services to
18.13 beginning and emerging farmers to increase
18.14 connections between farmers and market
18.15 opportunities throughout the state. This
18.16 appropriation may be used for grants,
18.17 translation services, training programs, or
18.18 other purposes in line with the
18.19 recommendations of the emerging farmer
18.20 working group established under Minnesota
18.21 Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1.

18.22 (g) \$137,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
18.23 second year are to support current services.

18.24 (h) \$337,000 the first year and \$337,000 the
18.25 second year are for farm advocate services.
18.26 Of these amounts, \$50,000 the first year and
18.27 \$50,000 the second year are for the
18.28 continuation of the farmland transition
18.29 programs and may be used for grants to
18.30 farmland access teams to provide technical
18.31 assistance to potential beginning farmers.
18.32 Farmland access teams must assist existing
18.33 farmers and beginning farmers with
18.34 transitioning farm ownership and farm
18.35 operation. Services provided by teams may

19.1 include but are not limited to mediation
19.2 assistance, designing contracts, financial
19.3 planning, tax preparation, estate planning, and
19.4 housing assistance.

19.5 (i) \$3,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
19.6 the Public Facilities Authority for a grant to
19.7 First District Association to acquire land for
19.8 and to design, engineer, construct, equip, and
19.9 furnish a wastewater treatment project. This
19.10 appropriation is in addition to the
19.11 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 71, article
19.12 1, section 15, subdivision 7. This appropriation
19.13 is available until the project is completed or
19.14 abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes,
19.15 section 16A.642.

19.16 (k) \$50,000 the first year is to be awarded as
19.17 a grant in a competitive bid process to an
19.18 entity that is not a for-profit entity to conduct
19.19 a study of market and workforce factors that
19.20 may contribute to the incorrect marking for
19.21 the installation of underground
19.22 telecommunications infrastructure that is
19.23 located within ten feet of existing underground
19.24 utilities or that crosses the existing
19.25 underground utilities. The study must include
19.26 recommendations to the legislature and be
19.27 submitted to the chairs and ranking minority
19.28 members of the legislative committees and
19.29 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
19.30 policy and finance by June 1, 2027.

19.31 (r) \$50,000 the first year is to conduct a study
19.32 and develop recommendations for establishing
19.33 an incentive-based program to support and
19.34 encourage agricultural retailers in promoting
19.35 4R nutrient management practices. The 4R

20.1 nutrient management practices include: the
 20.2 right source of nutrients, at the right rate and
 20.3 right time, in the right place.

20.4 (1) As part of the study, the department must
 20.5 evaluate strategies for leveraging cost-share
 20.6 programs, including the feasibility of
 20.7 coordinating with the Agricultural Water
 20.8 Quality Certification Program and other efforts
 20.9 related to the state's Nutrient Reduction
 20.10 Strategy.

20.11 (2) The commissioner must submit a report
 20.12 detailing its findings, including potential
 20.13 funding sources and proposal outlines for
 20.14 funding requests where appropriate. The
 20.15 commissioner must submit the report to the
 20.16 chairs and ranking minority members of the
 20.17 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
 20.18 agriculture and environment by March 15,
 20.19 2026.

20.20 ~~(s) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the~~
 20.21 ~~second year are for the local food purchasing~~
 20.22 ~~assistance grant program under article 3,~~
 20.23 ~~section 35. Notwithstanding Minnesota~~
 20.24 ~~Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered~~
 20.25 ~~balance does not cancel at the end of the first~~
 20.26 ~~year and is available in the second year.~~

20.27 ~~(t)~~ (s) The commissioner shall continue to
 20.28 increase connections with ethnic minority and
 20.29 immigrant farmers to farming opportunities
 20.30 and farming programs throughout the state.

20.31 Sec. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.

20.32 Unless otherwise provided, each section of this act is effective at the time the provision
 20.33 being corrected is effective.