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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3939

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; appropriating money for a grant to Helping Paws to breed, train,
1.3 and place service dogs.

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

1.5 Section 1. HELPING PAWS; APPROPRIATIONS.

1.6 Subdivision 1. General fund. \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the
1.7 general fund to the commissioner of health for a grant to Helping Paws, Inc., to breed, train,
1.8 and place service or facility dogs with individuals who have physical disabilities; veterans
1.9 and first responders living with service-related post-traumatic stress disorder; and
1.10 professionals in courthouse, educational, and mental health settings. This is a onetime
1.11 honorarium appropriation in memory of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman.

1.12 Subd. 2. Private donations. The commissioner of health may accept private donations
1.13 to supplement the state money appropriated under subdivision 1. All money accepted by
1.14 the commissioner under this subdivision must be deposited in a dedicated account in the
1.15 special revenue fund and is appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of this section.
1.16 The account expires on July 1, 2028.