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A bill for an act

relating to health; appropriating money for a grant to Helping Paws to breed, train, and place service dogs.

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

Section 1. **HELPING PAWS; APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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