A bill for an act

relating to veterans; appropriating money for a grant to the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans for continued outreach to homeless veterans in Minnesota.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

$250,000 in fiscal year 2012 and $250,000 in fiscal year 2013 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of veterans affairs for a grant to the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans to provide assistance throughout Minnesota to veterans and their families who are homeless or in danger of homelessness, including housing, utility, employment, and legal assistance, according to guidelines established by the commissioner. In order to avoid duplication of services, the commissioner must ensure that this assistance will be coordinated with all other available programs for veterans.