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State of Minnesota HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. **4716**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; modifying the effective date of the state flag and state
1.3 seal designs adopted by the State Emblems Redesign Commission to be contingent
1.4 on the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the house of representatives and two-thirds
1.5 of the senate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 1.135,
1.6 subdivisions 3a, 6; Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, sections 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 133,
1.7 subdivision 1.

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

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 1.135, subdivision 3a, is amended
1.10 to read:

1.11 Subd. 3a. **Official seal; May 11, 2024 2025, and thereafter.** The Great Seal of the State
1.12 of Minnesota is the design as certified in the report of the State Emblems Redesign
1.13 Commission, as established by Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 118.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 1.135, subdivision 6, is amended to
1.15 read:

1.16 Subd. 6. **State's duties.** State agencies and departments using the seal, its impression,
1.17 or its likeness shall make every effort to bring any seal, impression, or likeness currently
1.18 fixed to a permanent object into accordance with this section and section 4.04. Expendable
1.19 material to which the seal in effect prior to May 11, 2024 2025, or any impression, scene,
1.20 or likeness of that seal is currently affixed may be used until the supply is exhausted or until
1.21 January 1, 2025 2026, whichever occurs first. All unused dies and engravings of the Great
1.22 Seal shall be given to the Minnesota Historical Society, along with all historical information
1.23 available about the seal, to be retained in the society's permanent collection.

2.1 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 1, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, ~~2024~~ 2025, if the house of
2.3 representatives and the senate, acting separately, approve the design submitted by the State
2.4 Emblems Redesign Commission by a two-thirds affirmative vote of both bodies.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

2.6 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 2, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, ~~2024~~ 2025, if the house of
2.8 representatives and the senate, acting separately, approve the design submitted by the State
2.9 Emblems Redesign Commission by a two-thirds affirmative vote of both bodies.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

2.11 Sec. 5. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 3, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, ~~2024~~ 2025, if the house of
2.13 representatives and the senate, acting separately, approve the design submitted by the State
2.14 Emblems Redesign Commission by a two-thirds affirmative vote of both bodies.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

2.16 Sec. 6. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 4, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, ~~2024~~ 2025, if the house of
2.18 representatives and the senate, acting separately, approve the design submitted by the State
2.19 Emblems Redesign Commission by a two-thirds affirmative vote of both bodies.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

2.21 Sec. 7. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 5, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 11, ~~2024~~ 2025, if the house of
2.23 representatives and the senate, acting separately, approve the design submitted by the State
2.24 Emblems Redesign Commission by a two-thirds affirmative vote of both bodies.

2.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

2.26 Sec. 8. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 133, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.27 Subdivision 1. **State emblems redesign.** Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 1.135,
2.28 subdivisions 3 and 5; ~~and 1.141, subdivisions 3, 4, and 6,~~ are repealed, effective May 11,

- 3.1 2024 2025, if the house of representatives and the senate, acting separately, approve the
3.2 design submitted by the State Emblems Redesign Commission by a two-thirds affirmative
3.3 vote of both bodies.
- 3.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.