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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2128

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural disasters; creating a disaster response contingency account to
1.3 partially match federal disaster assistance when the legislature is not in session;
1.4 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 12A.02,
1.5 subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12A.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 12A.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** "Appropriation" means ~~an~~ a direct appropriation provided
1.9 in law specifically to implement this chapter or a statutory appropriation to match federal
1.10 disaster assistance under section 12A.025.

1.11 Sec. 2. **[12A.025] DISASTER RESPONSE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.**

1.12 Subdivision 1. **Account; appropriation.** A disaster response contingency account
1.13 is created in the general fund in the state treasury. Money in the disaster response
1.14 contingency account is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety only to match
1.15 federal disaster assistance to state agencies and political subdivisions under section
1.16 12A.15, subdivision 1, when the legislature is not in regular or special session. The amount
1.17 appropriated is 60 percent of any state and local match required under the presidential
1.18 declaration of a major disaster. Money appropriated under this subdivision is not available
1.19 for expenditure until the commissioner of management and budget certifies that eligible
1.20 local units of government have pledged the remaining forty percent of required match
1.21 funds. The commissioner may use money appropriated under this subdivision to match
1.22 federal disaster assistance for publicly owned capital improvement projects.

1.23 Subd. 2. **Recommendation required.** As part of the governor's budget submitted to
1.24 the legislature under section 16A.11, the commissioner of public safety must recommend

- 2.1 appropriations to the disaster response contingency account that the commissioner
2.2 reasonably anticipates, when combined with any existing balance in the disaster response
2.3 contingency account, will be sufficient to provide 60 percent of the state and local match
2.4 for federal disaster assistance received during the next biennium.