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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring recommendations for safety and quality improvement
1.3 practices for long-term services and supports; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFETY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
1.6 PRACTICES FOR LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS.

1.7 The commissioner of health shall consult with interested stakeholders to explore and
1.8 make recommendations on how to apply proven safety and quality improvement practices
1.9 and infrastructure to long-term services and supports. Interested stakeholders with whom
1.10 the commissioner must consult include but are not limited to representatives of the Minnesota
1.11 Alliance for Patient Safety partner organizations, the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term
1.12 Care, the Minnesota Elder Justice Center, providers of older adult services, the Department
1.13 of Health, the Department of Human Services, and experts in the field of long-term care
1.14 safety and quality improvement. The recommendations shall include mechanisms to apply
1.15 a patient safety model to the senior care sector, including a system for reporting adverse
1.16 health events, education and prevention activities, and interim actions to improve systems
1.17 for processing reports and complaints submitted to the Office of Health Facility Complaints.
1.18 By January 15, 2018, the commissioner shall submit the recommendations developed under
1.19 this section, along with draft legislation to implement the recommendations, to the chairs
1.20 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over long-term
1.21 care.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; VULNERABLE ADULTS IN HEALTH CARE**
2.2 **SETTINGS.**

2.3 \$633,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$559,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the
2.4 general fund to the commissioner of health for use by the Office of Health Facility
2.5 Complaints to investigate complaints and reports regarding maltreatment of vulnerable
2.6 adults in health care settings.