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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform  
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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; authorizing statewide cessation services to help Minnesotans  
1.3 quit using tobacco products; establishing a tobacco cessation account in the special  
1.4 revenue fund; transferring money to the tobacco cessation account; proposing  
1.5 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

1.7 Section 1. [144.397] STATEWIDE TOBACCO CESSATION SERVICES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Requirements for services. (a) The commissioner of health shall  
1.9 administer, or contract for the administration of, statewide tobacco cessation services to  
1.10 assist Minnesotans who are seeking advice or services to help them quit using tobacco  
1.11 products. The commissioner shall establish statewide public awareness activities to inform  
1.12 the public of the availability of the services and encourage the public to utilize the services  
1.13 because of the dangers and harm of tobacco use and dependence.

1.14 (b) Services to be provided may include, but are not limited to:

1.15 (1) telephone-based coaching and counseling;

1.16 (2) referrals;

1.17 (3) written materials mailed upon request;

1.18 (4) Web-based texting or e-mail services; and

1.19 (5) free Food and Drug Administration-approved tobacco cessation medications.

1.20 (c) Services provided must be consistent with evidence-based best practices in tobacco  
1.21 cessation services. Services provided must be coordinated with employer, health plan

2.1 company, and private sector tobacco prevention and cessation services that may be available  
2.2 to individuals depending on their employment or health coverage.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Tobacco cessation account.** A tobacco cessation account is established in the  
2.4 special revenue fund in the state treasury. Money in the account is annually appropriated  
2.5 to the commissioner of health for statewide tobacco cessation services under subdivision  
2.6 1.

2.7 **Sec. 2. TRANSFER.**

2.8 \$..... in fiscal year 2019 is transferred from the amount deposited in the general fund  
2.9 in fiscal year 2019 according to the settlement agreement to the tobacco cessation account  
2.10 established under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.397, in the special revenue fund. For  
2.11 purposes of this section, "settlement agreement" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes,  
2.12 section 16A.98, subdivision 1, paragraph (h).