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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to attorney general; prohibiting contingent fee arrangements with outside
1.3 counsel; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 8.065; repealing Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2016, section 8.10.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 8.065, is amended to read:

1.7 8.065 PRIVATE ATTORNEY CONTRACTS.

1.8 (a) The attorney general may not enter into a contract for legal services in which the
1.9 fees and expenses paid by the state exceed, or can reasonably be expected to exceed,
1.10 \$1,000,000 unless the attorney general first submits the proposed contract to the Legislative
1.11 Advisory Commission, and waits at least 20 days to receive a possible recommendation
1.12 from the commission.

1.13 (b) The attorney general may not contract for legal services on a contingent fee basis.

1.14 Sec. 2. REPEALER.

1.15 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 8.10, is repealed.

**8.10 COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS.**

The compensation of these attorneys for this service shall be 25 percent of the sums and amounts collected and received by the state, such compensation to be contingent upon collection and payment thereof to the state, with no further liability on the part of the state, and the amount of such compensation is hereby appropriated, payable upon the certificate of the attorney general filed with the commissioner of management and budget.