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State of Minnesota HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 79

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division
02/15/2017 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance
03/20/2017 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Capital Investment without further recommendation

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a veterans home in Fillmore
1.3 County; allowing for nonstate contributions; authorizing the sale and issuance of
1.4 state bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. VETERANS HOME; FILLMORE COUNTY.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Short title. This section may be cited as the "Minnesota Veterans and
1.8 Quality of Life Act."

1.9 Subd. 2. Appropriation. \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to
1.10 the commissioner of administration to design, construct, furnish, and equip a veterans home
1.11 in Fillmore County to provide a continuum of care, including skilled nursing care, to
1.12 Minnesota veterans.

1.13 Subd. 3. Veterans home established. The commissioner of veterans affairs may apply
1.14 for federal funding and establish a veterans home in Fillmore County with up to 140 beds
1.15 available for eligible veterans and their spouses. The state shall provide the necessary
1.16 operating costs for the veterans home in excess of any revenue and federal funding for the
1.17 home that may be required to continue the operation of the home and care for Minnesota
1.18 veterans.

1.19 Subd. 4. Nonstate contribution. The commissioner of administration may accept
1.20 contributions of land or money from private individuals, businesses, local governments,
1.21 veterans service organizations, and other nonstate sources for the purpose of providing
1.22 matching funding when soliciting federal funding for the development of the home.

2.1 Subd. 5. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
2.2 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
2.3 the state in an amount up to \$10,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
2.4 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
2.5 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.