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**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
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	288	Third reading Passed

A bill for an act

relating to financing and operation of state government; providing deficiency funding for food assistance, the Minnesota Security Hospital, natural resources enforcement activities, Ebola-related costs, and the Zoological Board; freezing agency head salaries; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; APPROPRIATION.**

(a) \$10,683,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services in fiscal year 2015 for the purposes specified by and to supplement the appropriations in Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 14, as amended by Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 30, and Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 15.

(b) The commissioner of human services shall expend the appropriation in paragraph

(a) as follows:

(1) \$246,000 for the Minnesota Food Assistance program under Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.053; and

(2) \$10,437,000 for the Minnesota Security Hospital under Minnesota Statutes, section 253.20.

(c) The appropriation in paragraph (b), clause (2), must be spent only on increased staffing levels, renovations, and improvements at the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter as required by the conditional licenses issued to the facility.

(d) The appropriation in this section is onetime.

Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; APPROPRIATION.**

2.1 (a) \$568,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources in fiscal  
 2.2 year 2015 for enforcement activities under Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 3, section 4,  
 2.3 subdivision 7.

2.4 (b) The appropriation under paragraph (a) shall consist of the following:

2.5 (1) \$69,000 from the general fund;

2.6 (2) \$128,000 from the natural resources fund; and

2.7 (3) \$371,000 from the game and fish fund.

2.8 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; APPROPRIATION.**

2.9 (a) \$891,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health in  
 2.10 fiscal year 2015 for costs of statewide planning, coordination, preparation, and response  
 2.11 activities related to Ebola. The commissioner shall use federal funds awarded to the state  
 2.12 for Ebola-related costs on or after December 19, 2014, to the extent permitted under  
 2.13 federal law, before spending any of this appropriation. This appropriation is available for  
 2.14 expenditures between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2016. Any unspent funds shall cancel.

2.15 (b) \$2,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the  
 2.16 commissioner of health to provide grants to eligible hospitals and the Emergency  
 2.17 Medical Services Regulatory Board for Ebola-related expenditures. The grants under this  
 2.18 paragraph must only be awarded to the following hospitals and the Emergency Medical  
 2.19 Services Regulatory Board for the amounts shown:

2.20 (1) Unity Hospital in Fridley, \$221,000;

2.21 (2) Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus, \$710,000;

2.22 (3) Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Mary's Campus, \$413,000;

2.23 (4) the University of Minnesota Medical Center, \$508,000; and

2.24 (5) \$148,000 to the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board for service  
 2.25 providers who can demonstrate extraordinary costs directly attributable to maintaining a  
 2.26 state of readiness with respect to the public health threat posed by Ebola. The Emergency  
 2.27 Medical Services Regulatory Board shall proportionally allocate this grant to these service  
 2.28 providers.

2.29 The commissioner shall make no payments under this paragraph for expenses that are  
 2.30 reimbursable with federal funds.

2.31 (c) The appropriations in this section are onetime.

2.32 **Sec. 4. ZOOLOGICAL BOARD; APPROPRIATION.**

3.1 \$1,350,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Zoological Board in fiscal  
3.2 year 2015 to supplement the appropriation in Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 3, section  
3.3 8. This appropriation is onetime.

3.4 **Sec. 5. AGENCY HEAD SALARY FREEZE.**

3.5 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 15A.0815, subdivisions 1 and 5, the  
3.6 incumbent of a position listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 15A.0815, subdivisions 2  
3.7 and 3, may not receive an annual salary in excess of the amount that the incumbent of the  
3.8 position received in the previous fiscal year.

3.9 **Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.10 Sections 1 to 4 are effective the day following final enactment. Section 5 is effective  
3.11 the day following final enactment and applies to salaries listed under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.12 section 15A.0815, subdivisions 2 and 3, between January 1, 2015, and June 30, 2015. The  
3.13 restriction provided under section 5 applies to current incumbents and any successors.