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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; authorizing the use of funds in the public health response
1.3 contingency account for public health screenings at long-term care facilities and
1.4 for health screenings of visitors and staff.

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

1.6 Section 1. **PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE; HEALTH SCREENING TO**
1.7 **LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.**

1.8 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199, subdivision 4, the use of the
1.9 funds transferred to the public health response contingency account in Laws 2020, chapter
1.10 66, may also be used for:

1.11 (1) developing training materials related to screening visitors to and staff of long-term
1.12 care facilities;

1.13 (2) distributing training materials to operators of long-term care facilities; and

1.14 (3) purchasing temporal artery thermometers and other screening tools to identify visitors
1.15 to and staff of the facility that may be infected with SARS-CoV-2 virus or have coronavirus
1.16 disease 2019 (COVID-19).

1.17 (b) For purposes of this section, long-term care facilities include nursing homes; boarding
1.18 care homes; housing with services establishments as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
1.19 144D.01, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (1); and intermediate care facilities for people
1.20 with developmental disabilities.

- 2.1 (c) The commissioner shall comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199,
2.2 subdivisions 5, paragraph (b), and 7, paragraph (b), prior to authorizing expenditures from
2.3 the public health response contingency account for any of the uses described in this section.