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		Referred to Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy
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1.1	A bill for an act
1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5	relating to veterans; authorizing the commissioner of veterans affairs to establish a veterans stable housing initiative; classifying certain homeless veterans data; authorizing data sharing; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 196.
1.6	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.7	Section 1. [196.081] VETERANS STABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE; DATA.
1.8	(a) The commissioner may establish a veterans stable housing initiative. If the
1.9	commissioner establishes a veterans stable housing initiative under this section, the
1.10	commissioner must provide resources and support to assist veterans experiencing
1.11	homelessness in obtaining or maintaining stable housing.
1.12	(b) Data on individuals maintained by the commissioner in the Homeless Veteran Registry
1.13	for purposes of the veterans stable housing initiative is private data on individuals as defined
1.14	in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and must not be disclosed or shared except for coordinating
1.15	homelessness prevention efforts with:
1.16	(1) members of the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness; and
1.17	(2) Homeless Veteran Registry partners to address a veteran's episode of homelessness
1.18	or maintain a veteran's housing plan through Department of Veterans Affairs funded
1.19	programs.
1.20	(c) For purposes of this section, "homelessness" means that a veteran lacks a fixed,
1.21	nighttime residence.