

**CHAPTER 11--S.F.No. 9**

*An act relating to legislative enactments; correcting miscellaneous oversights, inconsistencies, ambiguities, unintended results, and technical errors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 17.1017, subdivision 9, as amended; 17.1018, subdivision 1, as amended; 223.17, subdivision 3, as amended; 504B.161, subdivision 1, as amended; Laws 2025, chapter 6, section 9; Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivisions 3, 4; Laws 2025, chapter 36, article 4, section 8, subdivision 5; Laws 2025, chapter 39, article 7; 2025 First Special Session H.F. No. 2, article 1, section 48, subdivision 1, if enacted; 2025 First Special Session H.F. No. 3, article 2, section 36, if enacted.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 504B.161, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 2025, chapter 32, article 4, section 4, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) In every lease or license of residential premises, the landlord or licensor covenants:

(1) that the premises and all common areas are fit for the use intended by the parties;

(2) to keep the premises and all common areas in reasonable repair during the term of the lease or license, including services and conditions listed in section 504B.381, subdivision 1, and extermination of insects, rodents, vermin, or other pests on the premises, except when the disrepair has been caused by the willful, malicious, or irresponsible conduct of the tenant or licensee or a person under the direction or control of the tenant or licensee;

(3) to make the premises and all common areas reasonably energy efficient by installing weatherstripping, caulking, storm windows, and storm doors when any such measure will result in energy procurement cost savings, based on current and projected average residential energy costs in Minnesota, that will exceed the cost of implementing that measure, including interest, amortized over the ten-year period following the incurring of the cost;

(4) to maintain the premises and all common areas in compliance with the applicable health and safety laws of the United States, of the state, and of the local units of government, including ordinances regulating rental licensing, where the premises are located during the term of the lease or license, except when violation of the health and safety laws has been caused by the willful, malicious, or irresponsible conduct of the tenant or licensee or a person under the direction or control of the tenant or licensee; and

(5) to equip or furnish heat ~~capable of maintaining~~ at a minimum temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit in all places intended for habitation including kitchens and bathrooms from October 1 through April 30, unless a utility company requires and instructs the heat to be reduced.

(b) The parties to a lease or license of residential premises may not waive or modify the covenants imposed by this section.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

**Sec. 2. LAWS EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, Laws 2025, chapter 30, article 1, section 4, is effective June 20, 2025.

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

Sec. 3. Laws 2025, chapter 39, article 7, is amended by adding a section to read:

**Sec. 23. REPEALER.**

Minnesota Rules, part 4511.1100, is repealed.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2025.

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This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 4. Laws 2025, chapter 36, article 4, section 8, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

**Subd. 5. Community Identity and Heritage Competitive  
Grant Program**

8,799,000

7,368,000

(a) \$8,799,000 the first year and \$7,368,000 the second year are for a competitive grant program to provide funding to organizations or individuals working to create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture, and heritage of the many diverse cultural groups that make up Minnesota, including but not limited to Indigenous organizations, communities whose culture and heritage have been historically underrepresented, recent immigrant communities, and veterans. An individual or organization that receives a grant under this subdivision must do at least one of the following:

(1) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of Minnesota;

(2) provide education and student outreach on cultural diversity;

(3) support the development of culturally diverse humanities programming, including arts programming, by individuals and organizations; or

(4) empower communities in building identity and culture, including preserving and honoring communities whose Indigenous cultures are endangered or disappearing.

(b) The Minnesota Humanities Center must give priority consideration for grants to Art from the Inside, arts programs in the Moorhead and Maplewood cultural malls, the Asian Economic Development Association, Capri Theater, the Minnesota State Band, Fight for Your Dreams, HIRPHA International for Oromo youth programs, the Hmong Cultural Center, Midnimo, MN Zej Zog, People in Action, the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center, Safe Summer Nights, Siengkane Lao MN, the Stairstep Foundation, and the Walker West Music Academy.

(c) At least 75 percent of the amount in ~~paragraphs (d) to (f)~~ each paragraph of this subdivision must be for grants of less than \$200,000. A grant awarded to an entity receiving priority consideration under paragraphs (b) and (d) ~~to (f)~~ must not exceed \$200,000.

(d) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to community-based organizations and local governments to support cultural festivals and events throughout the state. The funding may support arts and cultural programming, staffing, community outreach, transportation, facilities and equipment rentals, signage, and public safety expense reimbursements. The Minnesota Humanities Center must give priority consideration for funding under this paragraph to the Somali Museum Annual Celebration, Twin Cities Jazz Fest, Selby Avenue Jazz Fest, the International Hmong Freedom Festival, Cinco de Mayo festival, and Rondo Days in St. Paul; the Hiddo Soor International Somali Cultural Festival in Plymouth; Somali Independence Day in St. Paul; sesquicentennial celebrations in Osseo and Delano; Taste of Minnesota; and IgboFest Minnesota.

(e) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year are for grants to community-based organizations and local governments for museums, exhibits, and collections.

(f) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are for grants to provide funding to ethnic media organizations creating video content in a language other than English.

Sec. 5. Laws 2025, chapter 6, section 9, is amended to read:

**Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE; LOCAL APPROVAL.**

~~This act is~~ Sections 1 to 6 and section 8 are effective the day after the governing body of the North Koochiching sanitary sewer board and its chief clerical officer comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

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

Sec. 6. [CORRSS25-07] 2025 First Special Session H.F. No. 3, article 2, section 36, if enacted, is amended to read:

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.4914, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 14a. **Limitations on rate exceptions for residential services.** (a) Effective July 1, 2026, the commissioner must implement limitations on the rate exceptions for community residential services, customized living services, family residential services, and integrated community supports.

(b) The commissioner must restrict rate exceptions to the absence and utilization factor ratio to people temporarily receiving hospital or crisis respite services.

(c) For rate exceptions related to behavioral needs, the lead agency must include:

(1) a documented behavioral diagnosis; or

(2) determined assessed needs for behavioral supports as identified in the person's most recent assessment or reassessment under section 256B.0911.

(d) Community residential services rate exceptions must not include positive support services costs.

(e) The commissioner must not approve rate exception requests related to increased community time or transportation.

(f) For the commissioner to approve a rate exception annual renewal, the person's most recent assessment must indicate continued extraordinary needs in the areas cited in the exception request. If a person's assessment continues to identify these extraordinary needs, lead agencies requesting an annual renewal of rate exceptions must submit documentation supporting the continuation of the exception. At a minimum, documentation must include:

(1) payroll records for direct care wages cited in the request;

(2) payment records or receipts for other costs cited in the request; and

(3) documentation of expenses paid that were identified as necessary for the initial rate exception.

(g) The commissioner must not increase rate exception annual renewals that request an exception to direct care or supervision wages more than the most recently implemented update to the base wage index determined under subdivision ~~5~~ 5b.

(h) The commissioner must publish online an annual report detailing the impact of the limitations under this subdivision on home and community-based services spending, including but not limited to:

- (1) the number and percentage of rate exceptions granted and denied;
- (2) total spending on community residential setting services and rate exceptions;
- (3) trends in the percentage of spending attributable to rate exceptions; and
- (4) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the limitations in controlling spending growth.

Sec. 7. [CORR25-SS05] 2025 First Special Session H.F. No. 2, article 1, section 48, subdivision 1, if enacted, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Duty to perform testing.** (a) It is the duty of (1) the administrative officer or other person in charge of each institution caring for infants 28 days or less of age, (2) the person required in pursuance of the provisions of section 144.215, to register the birth of a child, or (3) the nurse midwife or midwife in attendance at the birth, to arrange to have administered to every infant or child in its care tests for heritable and congenital disorders according to subdivision 2 and rules prescribed by the state commissioner of health.

(b) Testing, recording of test results, reporting of test results, and follow-up of infants with heritable congenital disorders, including hearing loss detected through the early hearing detection and intervention program in section 144.966, shall be performed at the times and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner of health.

(c) The fee to support the newborn screening program, including tests administered under this section and section 144.966, shall be ~~\$184~~ \$184.35 per specimen. This fee amount shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state government special revenue fund.

(d) The fee to offset the cost of the support services provided under section 144.966, subdivision 3a, shall be \$15 per specimen. This fee shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

Sec. 8. [CORR25SS-01] Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 223.17, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 3, section 33, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Grain buyers and storage account; fees.** (a) The commissioner shall set the examination fees at levels necessary to pay the expenses of administering and enforcing sections 223.15 to 223.22. The fee for any license issued or renewed after June 30, 2025, is \$500 for each licensed location.

(b) In addition to the license fee required under paragraph (a), a grain buyer must pay to the commissioner an annual examination fee for each licensed location, as follows:

(1) examination fees must be calculated based on bushel capacity of each licensed location with a charge of \$0.0035 per bushel of capacity;

(2) examination fees must not be less than \$350 and must not exceed \$4,000; and

(3) a licensed location with no grain bin capacity must be charged a \$200 examination fee.

(c) ~~Examination~~ Fees for each licensed location must not increase more than 150 percent above the ~~examination~~ fee for the licensed location in the previous year.

(d) The fee for any supplemental examination required by the commissioner under section 223.23 is \$110 per hour per examiner.

(e) A licensed grain buyer meeting the annual examination requirements under section 223.23 is exempt from the fees under paragraph (b) if the annual examination is conducted by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the United State Department of Agriculture.

(f) A penalty amount not to exceed ten percent of the fees due may be imposed by the commissioner for each month for which the fees are delinquent.

(g) There is created the grain buyers and storage account in the agricultural fund. Money collected pursuant to sections 223.15 to 223.23 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the grain buyers and storage account. Money in the account, including interest, is appropriated to the commissioner for the administration and enforcement of sections 223.15 to 223.23.

Sec. 9. [CORR25SS-02] Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 17.1017, subdivision 9, as amended by Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 3, section 1, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **Legislative report.** The commissioner, in cooperation with any economic or community development financial institution and any other entity with which it contracts, shall submit an annual report on the ~~good food access~~ retail improvement and development program by January 15 of each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance. The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, a summary of the following metrics:

- (1) the number and types of projects financed;
- (2) the amount of dollars leveraged or matched per project;
- (3) the geographic distribution of financed projects;
- (4) the number and types of technical assistance recipients;
- (5) the demographics of the areas served;
- (6) the costs of the program;
- (7) the number of SNAP dollars spent;
- (8) any increase in retail square footage;
- (9) the number of loans or grants to businesses owned by women and Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Color; and
- (10) measurable economic and health outcomes, including, but not limited to, increases in sales and consumption of locally sourced and other fresh fruits and vegetables, the number of construction and retail jobs retained or created, and any health initiatives associated with the program.

Sec. 10. [CORR25SS-02] Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 17.1018, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 3, section 2, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given them:

- (1) "program" means the ~~good food access~~ retail improvement and development program under section 17.1017; and
- (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture.

Sec. 11. [CORR25SS-04] Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

	<u>22,851,000</u>	<u>22,601,000</u>
<b>Subd. 3. Agricultural Marketing and Development</b>	<u>23,551,000</u>	<u>23,301,000</u>

(a) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the second year are for the continuation of the dairy development and profitability enhancement program, including dairy profitability teams and dairy business planning grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 32D.30.

(b) The commissioner may use funds appropriated in this subdivision for annual cost-share payments to resident farmers or entities that sell, process, or package agricultural products in this state for the costs of organic certification. The commissioner may allocate these funds for assistance to persons transitioning from conventional to organic agriculture.

(c) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year are for mental health outreach and support to farmers, ranchers, farm workers and employees, and others in the agricultural community and profession and for farm and farm worker safety grant and outreach programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1195. Mental health outreach and support may include a 24-hour hotline, stigma reduction, and education. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available in the second year. The base for this appropriation is \$50,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter.

(d) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the second year are for the local food purchasing assistance grant program under article 3, section 35. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available in the second year.

~~(d)~~ (e) \$18,257,000 the first year and \$18,007,000 the second year are for the agricultural growth, research, and innovation program under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12. The base for this appropriation is \$17,449,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter.

~~(e)~~ (f) Except as provided in paragraph ~~(f)~~ (g), the commissioner may allocate the appropriation in paragraph ~~(d)~~ (e) each year among the following areas:

facilitating the startup, modernization, improvement, or expansion of livestock operations, including beginning and transitioning livestock operations with preference given to robotic dairy-milking equipment; assisting value-added agricultural businesses to begin or expand, to access new markets, or to diversify, including aquaponics systems, with preference given to hemp fiber processing equipment; facilitating the startup, modernization, or expansion of other beginning and transitioning farms, including by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes, section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture on-farm research and demonstration; the development or expansion of food hubs and other alternative community-based food distribution systems; enhancing renewable energy infrastructure and use; crop research, including basic and applied turf seed research; Farm Business Management tuition assistance; supporting the commercialization of an innovative material additive utilizing agricultural coproducts or waste streams to produce fiber-based barrier packaging to reduce perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and plastics in packaging products; and good agricultural practices and good handling practices certification assistance. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may use up to 7.5 percent of the appropriation in paragraph ~~(d)~~ (e) for costs incurred to administer the program.

~~(f)~~ (g) Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural growth, research, and innovation program under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

(1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are for distribution in equal amounts to each of the state's county fairs to preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

(2) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000 the second year are for incentive payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16, 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. If this appropriation exceeds the total amount for which all producers are eligible in a fiscal year, the balance of the appropriation is available for other purposes under this paragraph;

(3) \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000 the second year are for grants that enable retail petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and other equipment to



dispense biofuels to the public in accordance with the biofuel replacement goals established under Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use in spark ignition engines for vehicle model years after 2000 is eligible for grant money under this clause if the retail petroleum dispenser has no more than 20 retail petroleum dispensing sites and each site is located in Minnesota. The grant money must be used to replace or upgrade equipment that does not have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost of the appropriate technology. A grant award must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The commissioner must cooperate with biofuel stakeholders in the implementation of the grant program. The commissioner, in cooperation with any economic or community development financial institution and any other entity with which the commissioner contracts, must submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure financial assistance program by January 15 each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance. The annual report must include but not be limited to a summary of the following metrics: (i) the number and types of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the geographic distribution of financed projects; (iv) any market expansion associated with upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the program; and (vii) the number of grants to minority-owned or female-owned businesses;

(4) \$350,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are for grants to facilitate the startup, modernization, or expansion of meat, poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities. A grant award under this clause must not exceed \$200,000;

(5) \$1,594,000 the first year and \$1,544,000 the second year are for providing more fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain, and dairy for children in school and early childhood education settings, including, at the commissioner's discretion, providing grants to reimburse schools and early childhood education and child care providers for purchasing equipment and agricultural products. Of the amount appropriated, \$150,000 each year is for a statewide coordinator of farm-to-institution strategy and programming. The

coordinator must consult with relevant stakeholders and provide technical assistance and training for participating farmers and eligible grant recipients. The base for this appropriation is \$1,636,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter. At the commissioner's discretion, for state administration of federal cooperative agreements for purchasing Minnesota grown and raised foods for schools, child care providers, food banks, and other institutions, the commissioner may use an amount of state funds equal to no more than 7.5 percent of the total federal funds awarded to the state. The commissioner shall expend any available federal administrative funds awarded for this purpose before using state funds;

(6) up to \$1,750,000 the first year and up to \$1,750,000 the second year are for grants to facilitate the development of urban agriculture, including projects related to youth education, community and economic development, value-added processing, and vocational training;

(7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are for the food retail improvement and development program under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1017;

(8) up to \$200,000 the first year and up to \$200,000 the second year are for cooperative development grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1016;

(9) \$250,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year are for the protecting livestock grant program for producers to support the installation of measures to prevent the transmission of avian influenza. For the appropriation in this clause, a grant applicant must document a cost-share of 20 percent. An applicant's cost-share amount may be reduced up to \$2,000 to cover time and labor costs. This is a onetime appropriation; and

(10) up to \$525,000 the first year and up to \$525,000 the second year are to award AGRI Works grants to institutions and organizations to provide regional and statewide services. Preference shall be given to legislatively created entities and organizations that enhance agricultural, horticultural, or rural community and economic development, marketing, and promotion, and research and education. A grant award under this clause must not exceed \$200,000. Grants made under

this paragraph are subject to the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.98 and 16B.981. This is a onetime appropriation.

~~(g)~~ (h) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriation in paragraph ~~(d)~~ (e) does not cancel at the end of the second year and is available until June 30, 2029. Appropriations encumbered under contract on or before June 30, 2029, for agricultural growth, research, and innovation grants are available until June 30, 2032. At the end of fiscal year 2027, the commissioner must prioritize any money resulting from canceled contracts to be used for AGRI Works grants under paragraph ~~(f)~~ (g), clause (10).

Sec. 12. [CORR25-08] Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

	<del>14,879,000</del>	<del>11,845,000</del>
Subd. 4. <b>Administration and Financial Assistance</b>	<u>14,179,000</u>	<u>11,145,000</u>

(a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the second year are for payments to county and district agricultural societies and associations under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02, subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and district agricultural societies and associations must be disbursed no later than July 15 each year. These payments are the amount of aid from the state for an annual fair held in the previous calendar year.

(b) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year are for grants to the Minnesota Agricultural Education and Leadership Council for programs of the council under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D. The base for this appropriation is \$250,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter.

(c) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000 the second year are to award and administer farm down payment assistance grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133, with priority given to eligible applicants with no more than \$100,000 in annual gross farm product sales and eligible applicants who are producers of industrial hemp, cannabis, or one or more of the following specialty crops as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture for purposes of the specialty crop block grant program: fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, medicinal plants, culinary herbs and spices, horticulture crops, floriculture crops, and nursery crops. Notwithstanding

Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance at the end of the first year does not cancel and is available in the second year and appropriations encumbered under contract by June 30, 2027, are available until June 30, 2029. The base for this appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter.

(d) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are for the purchase of milk for distribution to Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable organizations that are eligible to receive food from the food banks. Milk purchased with grant money must be acquired from Minnesota milk processors and based on low-cost bids. The milk must be allocated to each Feeding America food bank serving Minnesota according to the formula used in the distribution of United States Department of Agriculture commodities under The Emergency Food Assistance Program. The commissioner may enter into contracts or agreements with food banks for shared funding or reimbursement of the direct purchase of milk. Each food bank that receives funding under this paragraph may use up to two percent for administrative expenses. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance the first year does not cancel and is available the second year.

(e) \$260,000 the first year and \$260,000 the second year are for a pass-through grant to Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business Management, statewide mental health counseling support to Minnesota farm operators, families, and employees, and individuals who work with Minnesota farmers in a professional capacity. Region Five Development Commission may use up to 7.5 percent of the grant awarded under this paragraph for administration.

(f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are to expand the Emerging Farmers Office and provide services to beginning and emerging farmers to increase connections between farmers and market opportunities throughout the state. This appropriation may be used for grants, translation services, training programs, or other purposes in line with the recommendations of the emerging farmer working group established under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1.

(g) \$137,000 the first year and \$203,000 the second year are to support current services.

(h) \$337,000 the first year and \$337,000 the second year are for farm advocate services. Of these amounts, \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year are for the continuation of the farmland transition programs and may be used for grants to farmland access teams to provide technical assistance to potential beginning farmers. Farmland access teams must assist existing farmers and beginning farmers with transitioning farm ownership and farm operation. Services provided by teams may include but are not limited to mediation assistance, designing contracts, financial planning, tax preparation, estate planning, and housing assistance.

(i) \$3,000,000 the first year is for transfer to the Public Facilities Authority for a grant to First District Association to acquire land for and to design, engineer, construct, equip, and furnish a wastewater treatment project. This appropriation is in addition to the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 71, article 1, section 15, subdivision 7. This appropriation is available until the project is completed or abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

(k) \$50,000 the first year is to be awarded as a grant in a competitive bid process to an entity that is not a for-profit entity to conduct a study of market and workforce factors that may contribute to the incorrect marking for the installation of underground telecommunications infrastructure that is located within ten feet of existing underground utilities or that crosses the existing underground utilities. The study must include recommendations to the legislature and be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance by June 1, 2027.

(r) \$50,000 the first year is to conduct a study and develop recommendations for establishing an incentive-based program to support and encourage agricultural retailers in promoting 4R nutrient management practices. The 4R nutrient management practices include: the right source of nutrients, at the right rate and right time, in the right place.

(1) As part of the study, the department must evaluate strategies for leveraging cost-share programs, including the feasibility of coordinating with the Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program and other efforts related to the state's Nutrient Reduction Strategy.

(2) The commissioner must submit a report detailing its findings, including potential funding sources and proposal outlines for funding requests where appropriate. The commissioner must submit the report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture and environment by March 15, 2026.

~~(s) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the second year are for the local food purchasing assistance grant program under article 3, section 35. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available in the second year.~~

~~(t)~~ (s) The commissioner shall continue to increase connections with ethnic minority and immigrant farmers to farming opportunities and farming programs throughout the state.

Sec. 13. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Unless otherwise provided, each section of this act is effective at the time the provision being corrected is effective.

Presented to the governor June 12, 2025

Signed by the governor June 14, 2025, 10:30 a.m.