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H. F. No. 2972

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy
03/27/2014 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating funds from the fire safety account;
1.3 authorizing the fire service advisory committee to continue indefinitely;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 299F.012, subdivisions 1, 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 299F.012, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Authorized programs within department.** From the revenues
1.8 appropriated from the fire safety account, established under section 297I.06, subdivision
1.9 3, the commissioner of public safety may expend funds for the activities and programs
1.10 identified by the advisory committee established under subdivision 2 and recommended
1.11 to the commissioner of public safety. The commissioner shall not expend funds without
1.12 the recommendation of the advisory committee established under subdivision 2. The
1.13 commissioner shall not expend funds without the recommendation of the advisory
1.14 committee established under subdivision 2. These funds are to be used to provide
1.15 resources needed for identified activities and programs of the Minnesota fire service and to
1.16 ensure the State Fire Marshal Division responsibilities are fulfilled.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 299F.012, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 2. **Fire Service Advisory Committee.** (a) The Fire Service Advisory
1.19 Committee shall provide recommendations to the commissioner of public safety on
1.20 fire service-related issues and shall consist of representatives of each of the following
1.21 organizations: two appointed by the president of the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs
1.22 Association, two appointed by the president of the Minnesota State Fire Department
1.23 Association, two appointed by the president of the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters,

2.1 two appointed by the president of the League of Minnesota Cities, one appointed by the
2.2 president of the Minnesota Association of Townships, one appointed by the president
2.3 of the Insurance Federation of Minnesota, one appointed jointly by the presidents of
2.4 the Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators and the
2.5 Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota, and the commissioner of public safety or the
2.6 commissioner's designee. The commissioner of public safety must ensure that at least
2.7 three of the members of the advisory committee work and reside in counties outside of the
2.8 seven-county metropolitan area. The committee shall provide funding recommendations
2.9 to the commissioner of public safety from the fire safety fund for the following purposes:

- 2.10 (1) for the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education;
- 2.11 (2) for programs and staffing for the State Fire Marshal Division; and
- 2.12 (3) for fire-related regional response team programs and any other fire service
2.13 programs that have the potential for statewide impact.

2.14 (b) The committee under paragraph (a) does not expire.

2.15 **Sec. 3. FIRE SAFETY ACCOUNT; SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.**

2.16 \$1,300,000 in fiscal year 2014 is appropriated from the fire safety account in the
2.17 special revenue fund to the commissioner of public safety for activities and programs
2.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.012. This is a onetime appropriation. By January
2.19 15, 2015, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of
2.20 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the fire safety account regarding the
2.21 balances and uses of the account.