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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 5203

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; creating an accessibility account for accessibility
1.3 capital improvements on state-owned property; requiring a report; appropriating
1.4 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

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

1.6 Section 1. [16A.6325] ACCESSIBILITY ACCOUNT.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment. An accessibility account is established in the state bond
1.8 proceeds fund established by section 16A.631, separate from any other accounts maintained
1.9 in that fund, to receive state bond proceeds appropriated to the commissioner of
1.10 administration to be expended for the purpose and in accordance with the standards and
1.11 criteria in this section.

1.12 Subd. 2. Standards. (a) An expenditure may be made from the account only when it is
1.13 a capital expenditure on a capital asset owned by the state, within the meaning of accepted
1.14 accounting principles as applied to public expenditures. The commissioner of administration
1.15 must consult with the commissioner of management and budget to the extent necessary to
1.16 ensure that an expenditure meets the criteria of the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
1.17 section 5, clause (a).

1.18 (b) An expenditure may be made from the account to predesign, design, construct,
1.19 renovate, furnish, and equip accessibility improvements on state-owned property.

1.20 (c) Categories of projects considered likely to be most needed and appropriate for
1.21 financing are:

1.22 (1) removal of architectural barriers from a building or site; and

2.1 (2) improvements to meet state and federal requirements for accessibility for people
 2.2 with disabilities.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Procedures.** (a) The commissioner of administration must:

2.4 (1) provide instructions to state agencies to apply for funding of capital expenditures
 2.5 from the accessibility account;

2.6 (2) review applications for funding;

2.7 (3) make initial allocations among eligible projects;

2.8 (4) determine priorities for funding; and

2.9 (5) allocate money in priority order until the available appropriation has been committed.

2.10 Subd. 4. **Report.** On or before January 15 annually the commissioner of administration
 2.11 must submit to the commissioner of management and budget and the chairs and ranking
 2.12 minority members of the committees in the senate and the house of representatives with
 2.13 jurisdiction over capital investment a list of the projects that were funded with money from
 2.14 the accessibility account during the preceding calendar year, as well as a list of priority
 2.15 projects for which accessibility appropriations will be requested in that year's legislative
 2.16 session.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

2.18 Sec. 2. **ACCESSIBILITY ACCOUNT.**

2.19 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the accessibility account
 2.20 in the bond proceeds fund as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.6325, to the
 2.21 commissioner of administration to be spent in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.22 16A.6325.

2.23 Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the
 2.24 accessibility account in the bond proceeds fund as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.25 16A.6325, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of the
 2.26 state in an amount up to \$10,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
 2.27 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
 2.28 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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