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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for main street small
1.3 business relief grants.

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

1.5 Section 1. **MAIN STREET SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANTS;**
1.6 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from federal funds received by the state of
1.8 Minnesota under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Public Law
1.9 116-136, to the commissioner of employment and economic development for grants under
1.10 paragraph (c). The appropriation in this paragraph is reduced by any amount appropriated
1.11 in paragraph (b).

1.12 (b) If the appropriation in paragraph (a) is not made before June 1, 2020, then \$..... in
1.13 fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment
1.14 and economic development for grants under paragraph (c).

1.15 (c) Money appropriated under paragraph (a) or (b) shall be used to make grants to
1.16 individual businesses that:

1.17 (1) are located in the state of Minnesota and owned by a permanent resident of Minnesota;

1.18 (2) are in one of the following industries, as defined within the North American Industry
1.19 Classification System: accommodation, restaurants, bars, amusement and recreation, food
1.20 and beverages retail, miscellaneous retail, general retail, general merchandise, movies, or
1.21 health and personal care;

1.22 (3) employ 20 or fewer workers;

- 2.1 (4) own or rent physical space for the purpose of retail sales;
- 2.2 (5) have suspended retail sales or ceased operations as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak;
- 2.3 and
- 2.4 (6) are in good standing with the secretary of state and the Department of Revenue.
- 2.5 (d) Grants under paragraph (c) shall be disbursed to individual eligible businesses in
- 2.6 amounts of \$600 per week throughout the duration of a peacetime public health emergency.
- 2.7 For purposes of this section, "peacetime public health emergency" means any peacetime
- 2.8 emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that relates to the infectious
- 2.9 disease known as COVID-19. In awarding grants, the commissioner shall give priority to
- 2.10 businesses certifying that they have not received additional public financial assistance as a
- 2.11 result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Fifty percent of the amounts appropriated under paragraph
- 2.12 (a) or (b) shall be used to make grants to individual businesses located outside of the
- 2.13 seven-county metropolitan area.
- 2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.