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| 03/07/2024 | 12061 | Introduction and first reading Referred to Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development |

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A bill for an act

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relating to agriculture; appropriating money for soil health grants that enable

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farmers in the Karst region to reduce nitrogen fertilizer use.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SOIL HEALTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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GRANTS; KARST REGION NITROGEN FERTILIZER REDUCTION.

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(a) \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

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of agriculture for soil health financial assistance grants under Minnesota Statutes, section

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17.134, to eligible applicants located in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower,

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Olmsted, Wabasha, or Winona County. The commissioner may award grants under this

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appropriation only for projects that the commissioner reasonably anticipates will result in

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a measurable decrease in the application of nitrogen fertilizer by:

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(1) increasing the usage of precision agricultural practices under Minnesota Statutes,

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section 17.134, subdivision 2, clause (4); or

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(2) enabling purchases under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.134, subdivision 2, clause

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(6), that further increase usage of precision agricultural practices.

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(b) This is a onetime appropriation. Amounts encumbered under contract by June 30,

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2025, are available until June 30, 2027. This appropriation is in addition to the soil health

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financial assistance program appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2,

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subdivision 2, paragraph (b).