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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; appropriating money to the commissioner of health for
1.3 vector-borne disease preparedness and response activities.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION FOR VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE
1.6 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.

1.7 \$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.8 of health for statewide planning, coordination, preparation, and response activities related
1.9 to vector-borne diseases, including Zika. For purposes of this section, a vector-borne
1.10 disease is a disease caused by a pathogen or parasite that is transmitted by a living
1.11 organism between human beings or from animals to human beings. The commissioner
1.12 shall use these funds for activities such as:

1.13 (1) maintaining state and local public health readiness to address public health
1.14 threats caused by vector-borne diseases by funding county and municipal emergency
1.15 preparedness initiatives and providing an increase to local public health grants allocated to
1.16 community health boards;

1.17 (2) having the state public health laboratory conduct diagnostic tests for patients who
1.18 meet criteria for testing for a vector-borne disease and enhanced laboratory surveillance
1.19 for vector-borne diseases;

1.20 (3) surveillance activities for vector-borne diseases, including screening patients,
1.21 providing expert assistance to health care providers on vector-borne disease research, and
1.22 assisting health care providers with interpreting test results;

1.23 (4) creating culturally appropriate public education materials about vector-borne
1.24 diseases and operating culturally appropriate public education campaigns about

- 2.1 vector-borne disease risks and prevention for the public and populations at higher risk for
2.2 infection with a vector-borne disease; and
2.3 (5) conducting surveillance and monitoring activities for mosquitoes and other
2.4 vectors that could spread vector-borne diseases in Minnesota.