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A bill for an act

relating to financing and operation of state government; providing deficiency funding for disaster assistance, food assistance, the Minnesota Security Hospital, natural resources enforcement activities, Ebola-related costs, and the Zoological Board; providing local match funds to repair local roads; providing funding to protect water and soil resources in a disaster area; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

Subdivision 1. **Disaster assistance contingency account; appropriation.**

\$9,635,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the disaster assistance contingency account under Minnesota Statutes, section 12.221, subdivision 6, in fiscal year 2015 to provide: (1) the state cost-share for federal assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section 12A.15, subdivision 1; and (2) state public disaster assistance under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12B.

Subd. 2. **Transfer of unexpended appropriations.** The commissioner of management and budget may transfer any unexpended amount of the appropriations under Laws 2011, chapter 113, article 2, section 2, and Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 7, article 10, section 5, to the disaster assistance contingency account under Minnesota Statutes, section 12.221, subdivision 6, for the purposes specified in subdivision 1.

Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; APPROPRIATION.**

\$3,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of transportation in fiscal year 2015 to provide the 20 percent local match funding required to obtain Federal Highway Administration emergency relief funds to repair local roads damaged by flooding in June 2014.

2.1 **Sec. 3. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES.**

2.2 **Subdivision 1. Erosion, sediment, and water quality control cost-share program;**
2.3 **appropriation.** (a) \$2,476,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of
2.4 Water and Soil Resources in fiscal year 2015 for projects under Minnesota Statutes,
2.5 section 12A.05, subdivision 2, in the area designated under Presidential Declaration of
2.6 Major Disaster FEMA-4182-DR. Whenever possible and practical, these funds shall either
2.7 match or supplant available federal funding.

2.8 (b) The Board of Water and Soil Resources may develop alternative standards for
2.9 projects funded under this subdivision. The standards may be used by units of local
2.10 government in the area designated under Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster
2.11 FEMA-4182-DR to address emergency situations or aid disaster recovery efforts.

2.12 **Subd. 2. Additional provisions.** Funds appropriated under this section must be
2.13 expended in designated counties or in a watershed that includes a portion of a designated
2.14 county.

2.15 **Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; APPROPRIATION.**

2.16 (a) \$10,683,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.17 human services in fiscal year 2015 for the purposes specified by and to supplement the
2.18 appropriations in Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 14, as amended by Laws 2014, chapter
2.19 312, article 30, and Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 15.

2.20 (b) The commissioner of human services shall expend the appropriation in paragraph
2.21 (a) as follows:

2.22 (1) \$246,000 for the Minnesota Food Assistance program under Minnesota Statutes,
2.23 section 256D.053; and

2.24 (2) \$10,437,000 for the Minnesota Security Hospital under Minnesota Statutes,
2.25 section 253.20.

2.26 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; APPROPRIATION.**

2.27 (a) \$568,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources in fiscal
2.28 year 2015 for enforcement activities under Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 3, section 4,
2.29 subdivision 7.

2.30 (b) The appropriation under paragraph (a) shall consist of the following:

2.31 (1) \$69,000 from the general fund;

2.32 (2) \$128,000 from the natural resources fund; and

2.33 (3) \$371,000 from the game and fish fund.

3.1 Sec. 6. **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; APPROPRIATION.**

3.2 \$891,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health in
3.3 fiscal year 2015 for costs of statewide planning, coordination, preparation, and response
3.4 activities related to Ebola. The commissioner shall use federal funds awarded to the state
3.5 for Ebola-related costs on or after December 19, 2014, to the extent permitted under
3.6 federal law, before spending any of this appropriation. This appropriation is available for
3.7 expenditures between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2016. Any unspent funds shall cancel.

3.8 Sec. 7. **ZOOLOGICAL BOARD; APPROPRIATION.**

3.9 \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Zoological Board in fiscal
3.10 year 2015 to supplement the appropriation in Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 3, section 8.

3.11 Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.12 Sections 1 to 7 are effective the day following final enactment.