

**SENATE**  
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**S.F. No. 888**

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A bill for an act

1.1 relating to the operation of state government; providing funding for the  
1.2 legislature, constitutional officers, and other agencies, boards, councils,  
1.3 commissions, and state entities; changing certain government programs;  
1.4 changing requirement for targeted group business; changing licensing provisions  
1.5 for pari-mutuel horse racing; changing the monthly regulatory fee for lawful  
1.6 gambling; specifying additional uses for the "Support Our Troops Fund";  
1.7 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 16A.28,  
1.8 subdivision 1; 16C.16, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 16C.19; 190.19,  
1.9 subdivision 2a; 240.08, subdivision 4; 240.10; 349.16, subdivision 6a; Laws  
1.10 2013, chapter 142, article 1, section 10; Laws 2014, chapter 287, section 25.  
1.11

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

**ARTICLE 1**

**STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

1.15 Section 1. **STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.16 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the  
1.17 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the  
1.18 general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated  
1.19 for each purpose. The figures "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the  
1.20 appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or  
1.21 June 30, 2017, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal  
1.22 year 2017. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

1.23	<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>
1.24	<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>
1.25	<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>
1.26	<b><u>2016</u>                      <u>2017</u></b>

1.27 Sec. 2. **LEGISLATURE**

2.1	<u>Subdivision 1. <b>Total Appropriation</b></u>		<u>\$ 74,404,000</u>	<u>\$ 78,124,000</u>
2.2	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
2.3		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
2.4	<u>General</u>	<u>74,276,000</u>	<u>77,996,000</u>	
2.5	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>128,000</u>	<u>128,000</u>	
2.6	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>			
2.7	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>			
2.8	<u>subdivisions.</u>			
2.9	<u>Subd. 2. <b>Senate</b></u>		<u>27,223,000</u>	<u>30,943,000</u>
2.10	<u>Subd. 3. <b>House of Representatives</b></u>		<u>30,524,000</u>	<u>30,524,000</u>
2.11	<u>During the biennium ending June 30, 2017,</u>			
2.12	<u>any revenues received by the house of</u>			
2.13	<u>representatives from voluntary donations</u>			
2.14	<u>to support broadcast or print media are</u>			
2.15	<u>appropriated to the house of representatives.</u>			
2.16	<u>Subd. 4. <b>Legislative Coordinating Commission</b></u>		<u>16,657,000</u>	<u>16,657,000</u>
2.17	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
2.18	<u>General</u>	<u>16,529,000</u>	<u>16,529,000</u>	
2.19	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>128,000</u>	<u>128,000</u>	
2.20	<u>Sec. 3. <b>GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT</b></u>			
2.21	<u><b>GOVERNOR</b></u>		<u>\$ 3,615,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,616,000</u>
2.22	<u>(a) This appropriation is to fund the Office of</u>			
2.23	<u>the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.</u>			
2.24	<u>(b) \$19,000 the first year and \$19,000 the</u>			
2.25	<u>second year are for necessary expenses in</u>			
2.26	<u>the normal performance of the governor's</u>			
2.27	<u>and lieutenant governor's duties for which no</u>			
2.28	<u>other reimbursement is provided.</u>			
2.29	<u>(c) By September 1 of each year, the</u>			
2.30	<u>commissioner of management and budget</u>			
2.31	<u>shall report to the chairs and ranking</u>			
2.32	<u>minority members of the senate State</u>			
2.33	<u>Government Innovation and Veterans Affairs</u>			



4.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
4.2	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
4.3 <u>General</u>	<u>445,000</u>	<u>318,000</u>
4.4 <u>Workers'</u>		
4.5 <u>Compensation</u>	<u>7,250,000</u>	<u>7,250,000</u>

4.6 (a) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$50,000  
 4.7 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from the  
 4.8 general fund to the Office of Administrative  
 4.9 Hearings for the cost of considering  
 4.10 complaints of unfair campaign practices  
 4.11 filed under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 4.12 211B.32. These amounts may be used in  
 4.13 either year of the biennium. \$50,000 is added  
 4.14 to the agency's base to be available for the  
 4.15 biennium.

4.16 (b) \$6,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$6,000 in  
 4.17 fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from the  
 4.18 general fund to the Office of Administrative  
 4.19 Hearings for the cost of considering data  
 4.20 practices complaints filed under Minnesota  
 4.21 Statutes, section 13.085. These amounts  
 4.22 may be used in either year of the biennium.  
 4.23 \$6,000 is added to the agency's base to be  
 4.24 available for the biennium.

4.25 (c) \$130,000 the first year is appropriated  
 4.26 from the general fund for the cost of  
 4.27 considering complaints filed under  
 4.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 211B.32. Any  
 4.29 amount of this appropriation that remains  
 4.30 unspent at the end of the biennium must be  
 4.31 canceled to the general account of the state  
 4.32 elections campaign fund. The base for fiscal  
 4.33 year 2018 is \$130,000 to be available for the  
 4.34 biennium under the same terms.

4.35 **Sec. 10. OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES      \$      2,526,000 \$      2,622,000**



6.1 The appropriations under this section are to  
6.2 the commissioner of administration for the  
6.3 purposes specified.

6.4 **In Lieu of Rent.** \$8,158,000 the first year  
6.5 and \$8,158,000 the second year are for  
6.6 office space costs of the legislature and  
6.7 veterans organizations, ceremonial space,  
6.8 and statutorily free space.

6.9 **Public Broadcasting.** (a) \$1,550,000 the  
6.10 first year and \$1,550,000 the second year are  
6.11 for matching grants for public television.

6.12 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000  
6.13 the second year are for public television  
6.14 equipment grants. Equipment or matching  
6.15 grant allocations shall be made after  
6.16 considering the recommendations of the  
6.17 Minnesota Public Television Association.

6.18 (c) \$392,000 the first year and \$392,000 the  
6.19 second year are for community service grants  
6.20 to public educational radio stations. This  
6.21 appropriation may be used to disseminate  
6.22 emergency information in foreign languages.

6.23 (d) \$117,000 the first year and \$117,000  
6.24 the second year are for equipment grants  
6.25 to public educational radio stations. This  
6.26 appropriation may be used for the repair,  
6.27 rental, and purchase of equipment including  
6.28 equipment under \$500.

6.29 (e) The grants in paragraphs (c) and (d)  
6.30 must be allocated after considering the  
6.31 recommendations of the Association of  
6.32 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations  
6.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.14.

7.1 (f) \$310,000 the first year and \$310,000  
 7.2 the second year are for equipment grants  
 7.3 to Minnesota Public Radio, Inc., including  
 7.4 upgrades to Minnesota's Emergency Alert  
 7.5 and AMBER Alert Systems.

7.6 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining  
 7.7 the first year for grants to public television or  
 7.8 radio stations does not cancel and is available  
 7.9 for the second year.

7.10 **Sec. 12. CAPITOL AREA**  
 7.11 **ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING**  
 7.12 **BOARD** **\$ 340,000 \$ 345,000**

7.13 **Sec. 13. MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND**  
 7.14 **BUDGET** **\$ 23,777,000 \$ 26,069,000**

7.15 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and  
 7.16 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is to maintain  
 7.17 and upgrade statewide business systems,  
 7.18 including, but not limited to, the statewide  
 7.19 accounting system, the human resource and  
 7.20 payroll system, the employment application  
 7.21 system, the enterprise learning management  
 7.22 system, the budget planning and analysis  
 7.23 system, the fiscal note tracking system, and  
 7.24 capital budget system.

7.25 **Sec. 14. REVENUE**

7.26 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 146,438,000 \$ 147,092,000**

7.27 **Appropriations by Fund**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
7.28 <u>General</u>	<u>142,203,000</u>	<u>142,857,000</u>
7.29 <u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,749,000</u>	<u>1,749,000</u>
7.30 <u>Highway User Tax</u>		
7.31 <u>Distribution</u>	<u>2,183,000</u>	<u>2,183,000</u>
7.32 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>303,000</u>	<u>303,000</u>

7.33 **Subd. 2. Tax System Management** **117,822,000 118,476,000**

8.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
8.2	<u>General</u>	<u>113,587,000</u>	<u>114,241,000</u>
8.3	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,749,000</u>	<u>1,749,000</u>
8.4	<u>Highway User Tax</u>		
8.5	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>2,183,000</u>	<u>2,183,000</u>
8.6	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>303,000</u>	<u>303,000</u>
8.7	<b><u>Appropriation; Taxpayer Assistance. (a)</u></b>		
8.8	<u>\$400,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$400,000</u>		
8.9	<u>in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund</u>		
8.10	<u>are for grants to one or more nonprofit</u>		
8.11	<u>organizations, qualifying under section</u>		
8.12	<u>501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of</u>		
8.13	<u>1986, to coordinate, facilitate, encourage, and</u>		
8.14	<u>aid in the provision of taxpayer assistance</u>		
8.15	<u>services. The unencumbered balance in the</u>		
8.16	<u>first year does not cancel but is available for</u>		
8.17	<u>the second year.</u>		
8.18	<u>(b) For purposes of this appropriation,</u>		
8.19	<u>"taxpayer assistance services" means</u>		
8.20	<u>accounting and tax preparation services</u>		
8.21	<u>provided by volunteers to low-income,</u>		
8.22	<u>elderly, and disadvantaged Minnesota</u>		
8.23	<u>residents to help them file federal and state</u>		
8.24	<u>income tax returns, Minnesota property</u>		
8.25	<u>tax refund claims, and to provide personal</u>		
8.26	<u>representation before the Department of</u>		
8.27	<u>Revenue and Internal Revenue Service.</u>		
8.28	<b><u>Subd. 3. Debt Collection Management</u></b>	<u>28,616,000</u>	<u>28,616,000</u>
8.29	Sec. 15. <b><u>GAMBLING CONTROL</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,260,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,324,000</u></b>
8.30	<u>These appropriations are from the lawful</u>		
8.31	<u>gambling regulation account in the special</u>		
8.32	<u>revenue fund.</u>		
8.33	Sec. 16. <b><u>RACING COMMISSION</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,168,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,153,000</u></b>

<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
9.3	<u>269,000</u>	<u>72,000</u>	<u>General</u>
9.4			<u>Special Revenue</u>
9.5	<u>899,000</u>	<u>1,081,000</u>	<u>Fund</u>

9.6 The general fund appropriation is for fiscal  
 9.7 years 2016 and 2017 only.

9.8 The appropriations from the special revenue  
 9.9 fund are from the racing and card playing  
 9.10 regulation accounts. The funding base for  
 9.11 the special revenue fund appropriation is  
 9.12 \$972,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$971,000 in  
 9.13 fiscal year 2019.

9.14 The racing commission is directed to work  
 9.15 in consultation with the racing industry  
 9.16 to propose permanent dedicated funding  
 9.17 changes to fully support the operations of  
 9.18 the commission to ensure that racing is  
 9.19 conducted in the public interest. These  
 9.20 changes shall be reported to the Office  
 9.21 of the Governor and to the majority and  
 9.22 minority leadership of the relevant legislative  
 9.23 committees by November 1, 2015.

9.24 **Sec. 17. STATE LOTTERY**

9.25 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 9.26 349A.10, subdivision 3, the operating budget  
 9.27 must not exceed \$31,000,000 in fiscal year  
 9.28 2016 and \$31,000,000 in fiscal year 2017.

9.29 **Sec. 18. AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION \$ 300,000 \$ 300,000**

9.30 **Sec. 19. COUNCIL ON BLACK**  
 9.31 **MINNESOTANS \$ 396,000 \$ 401,000**

9.32 **Sec. 20. COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC**  
 9.33 **MINNESOTANS \$ 359,000 \$ 364,000**

10.1	Sec. 21. <b><u>COUNCIL ON AFFAIRS OF</u></b>		
10.2	<b><u>CHICANO/LATINO PEOPLE</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 381,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 386,000</u></b>
10.3	Sec. 22. <b><u>INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 569,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 576,000</u></b>
10.4	Sec. 23. <b><u>MINNESOTA HISTORICAL</u></b>		
10.5	<b><u>SOCIETY</u></b>		
10.6	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 21,964,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 22,076,000</u></b>
10.7	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
10.8	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
10.9	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
10.10	<b><u>Subd. 2. Operations and Programs</u></b>	<b><u>21,576,000</u></b>	<b><u>21,822,000</u></b>
10.11	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
10.12	<u>138.668, the Minnesota Historical Society</u>		
10.13	<u>may not charge a fee for its general tours at</u>		
10.14	<u>the Capitol, but may charge fees for special</u>		
10.15	<u>programs other than general tours.</u>		
10.16	<b><u>Subd. 3. Fiscal Agent</u></b>		
10.17	<u>(a) Minnesota International Center</u>	<u>39,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>
10.18	<u>(b) Minnesota Air National Guard Museum</u>	<u>34,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
10.19	<u>(c) Minnesota Military Museum</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
10.20	<u>(d) Farmamerica</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>
10.21	<u>(e) Hockey Hall of Fame</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
10.22	<b><u>Balances Forward.</u></b> <u>Any unencumbered</u>		
10.23	<u>balance remaining in this subdivision the first</u>		
10.24	<u>year does not cancel but is available for the</u>		
10.25	<u>second year of the biennium.</u>		
10.26	Sec. 24. <b><u>BOARD OF THE ARTS</u></b>		
10.27	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,522,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,530,000</u></b>
10.28	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
10.29	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
10.30	<u>subdivisions.</u>		

11.1	<u>Subd. 2. Operations and Services</u>		<u>583,000</u>	<u>591,000</u>
11.2	<u>Subd. 3. Grants Program</u>		<u>4,800,000</u>	<u>4,800,000</u>
11.3	<u>Subd. 4. Regional Arts Councils</u>		<u>2,139,000</u>	<u>2,139,000</u>
11.4	<u>Unencumbered balance available. Any</u>			
11.5	<u>unencumbered balance remaining in this</u>			
11.6	<u>section the first year does not cancel, but is</u>			
11.7	<u>available for the second year of the biennium.</u>			
11.8	<u>Sec. 25. MINNESOTA HUMANITIES</u>			
11.9	<u>CENTER</u>	\$	<u>251,000</u>	\$ <u>251,000</u>
11.10	<u>Sec. 26. SCIENCE MUSEUM OF</u>			
11.11	<u>MINNESOTA</u>	\$	<u>1,079,000</u>	\$ <u>1,079,000</u>
11.12	<u>Sec. 27. GENERAL CONTINGENT</u>			
11.13	<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	\$	<u>1,000,000</u>	\$ <u>500,000</u>
11.14	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
11.15			<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
11.16	<u>General</u>		<u>500,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
11.17	<u>State Government</u>			
11.18	<u>Special Revenue</u>		<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
11.19	<u>Workers'</u>			
11.20	<u>Compensation</u>		<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
11.21	<u>(a) The appropriations in this section</u>			
11.22	<u>may only be spent with the approval of</u>			
11.23	<u>the governor after consultation with the</u>			
11.24	<u>Legislative Advisory Commission pursuant</u>			
11.25	<u>to Minnesota Statutes, section 3.30.</u>			
11.26	<u>(b) If an appropriation in this section for</u>			
11.27	<u>either year is insufficient, the appropriation</u>			
11.28	<u>for the other year is available for it.</u>			
11.29	<u>(c) If a contingent account appropriation</u>			
11.30	<u>is made in one fiscal year, it should be</u>			
11.31	<u>considered a biennial appropriation.</u>			
11.32	<u>Sec. 28. TORT CLAIMS</u>	\$	<u>161,000</u>	\$ <u>161,000</u>





14.1 (b) Organizations administering contracts described in paragraph (a) shall promote  
14.2 the use of targeted group businesses designated under this section and take steps to remove  
14.3 barriers to equitable participation of targeted group businesses.

14.4 (c) Organizations shall cooperate with the commissioner's efforts to monitor and  
14.5 measure compliance with this subdivision in the performance of state-funded contracts.

14.6 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16C.19, is amended to read:

14.7 **16C.19 ELIGIBILITY; RULES.**

14.8 (a) A small business wishing to participate in the programs under section 16C.16,  
14.9 subdivisions 4 to 7, must be certified by the commissioner. The commissioner shall adopt  
14.10 by rule standards and procedures for certifying that small targeted group businesses,  
14.11 small businesses located in economically disadvantaged areas, and veteran-owned small  
14.12 businesses are eligible to participate under the requirements of sections 16C.16 to 16C.21.  
14.13 The commissioner shall adopt by rule standards and procedures for hearing appeals and  
14.14 grievances and other rules necessary to carry out the duties set forth in sections 16C.16  
14.15 to 16C.21.

14.16 (b) The commissioner may make rules which exclude or limit the participation of  
14.17 nonmanufacturing business, including third-party lessors, brokers, franchises, jobbers,  
14.18 manufacturers' representatives, and others from eligibility under sections 16C.16 to 16C.21.

14.19 (c) The commissioner may make rules that set time limits and other eligibility limits  
14.20 on business participation in programs under sections 16C.16 to 16C.21.

14.21 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph ~~(e)~~ (a), for purposes of sections 16C.16 to 16C.21, a  
14.22 veteran-owned small business, the principal place of business of which is in Minnesota, is  
14.23 certified if it has been verified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as being  
14.24 either a veteran-owned small business or a service-disabled veteran-owned small business,  
14.25 in accordance with Public Law 109-461 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 38, part 74.

14.26 (e) Until rules are adopted pursuant to paragraph (a) for the purpose of certifying  
14.27 veteran-owned small businesses, the provisions of Minnesota Rules, part 1230.1700, may  
14.28 be read to include veteran-owned small businesses. In addition to the documentation  
14.29 required in Minnesota Rules, part 1230.1700, the veteran owner must have been  
14.30 discharged under honorable conditions from active service, as indicated by the veteran  
14.31 owner's most current United States Department of Defense form DD-214.

14.32 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for purposes of sections 16C.16 to 16C.21, a  
14.33 minority- or woman-owned small business, the principal place of business of which is  
14.34 in Minnesota, is certified if it has been certified by the Minnesota unified certification  
14.35 program under the provisions of Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 26.

15.1 (g) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement the programs under section  
15.2 16C.16, subdivisions 4 to 7, using the expedited rulemaking process in section 14.389.

15.3 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 240.08, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

15.4 Subd. 4. **License issuance and renewal.** If the commission determines that  
15.5 the applicant is qualified for the occupation for which licensing is sought and will  
15.6 not adversely affect the public health, welfare, and safety or the integrity of racing in  
15.7 Minnesota, it may issue a class C license to the applicant. If it makes a similar finding  
15.8 for a renewal of a class C license it may renew the license. Class C licenses are effective  
15.9 for a minimum of one year for all class C licenses, and up to three years for certain  
15.10 classifications of class C licenses to be determined by the commission.

15.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

15.12 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 240.10, is amended to read:

15.13 **240.10 LICENSE FEES.**

15.14 The fee for a class A license is \$253,000 per year and must be remitted on July 1.  
15.15 The fee for a class B license is \$500 for each assigned racing day and \$100 for each day  
15.16 on which simulcasting is authorized and must be remitted on July 1. Included herein are  
15.17 all days assigned to be conducted after January 1, 2003. The fee for a class D license is  
15.18 \$50 for each assigned racing day on which racing is actually conducted. Fees imposed on  
15.19 class D licenses must be paid to the commission at a time and in a manner as provided by  
15.20 rule of the commission.

15.21 The commission shall by rule establish an annual license fee for each occupation it  
15.22 licenses under section 240.08 ~~but no annual fee for a class C license may exceed \$100.~~

15.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

15.24 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 349.16, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

15.25 Subd. 6a. **Monthly regulatory fee.** An organization must pay a monthly regulatory  
15.26 fee of ~~0.1~~ 0.15 percent of the organization's gross receipts from lawful gambling  
15.27 conducted each month. The fee must be reported and paid on a monthly basis in a format  
15.28 as determined by the commissioner of revenue, and remitted to the commissioner of  
15.29 revenue with the organization's monthly tax return. All monthly regulatory fees received  
15.30 by the commissioner of revenue under this subdivision must be deposited in the lawful  
15.31 gambling regulation account in the special revenue fund according to section 349.151.

16.1 Failure to pay the monthly regulatory fees in a timely manner may result in disciplinary  
16.2 action by the board.

16.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

16.4 Sec. 41. Laws 2013, chapter 142, article 1, section 10, is amended to read:

16.5	Sec. 10. <b>OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE</b>			
16.6	<b><u>TECHNOLOGY MN.IT SERVICES</u></b>	\$	2,431,000	\$ 2,431,000

16.7 During the biennium ending June 30, 2015,  
16.8 the Office of ~~Enterprise Technology~~ MN.IT  
16.9 Services must not charge fees to a public  
16.10 noncommercial educational television  
16.11 broadcast station eligible for funding under  
16.12 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 129D, for  
16.13 access to the state broadcast infrastructure.

16.14 If the access fees not charged to public  
16.15 noncommercial educational television  
16.16 broadcast stations total more than \$400,000  
16.17 for the biennium, the office may charge for  
16.18 access fees in excess of these amounts.

16.19 The commissioner of Minnesota management  
16.20 and budget is authorized to provide cash  
16.21 flow assistance of up to \$110,000,000 from  
16.22 the special revenue fund or other statutory  
16.23 general funds as defined in Minnesota  
16.24 Statutes, section 16A.671, subdivision 3,  
16.25 paragraph (a), to the Office of ~~Enterprise~~  
16.26 ~~Technology~~ MN.IT Services for the purpose  
16.27 of managing revenue and expenditure  
16.28 differences during the initial phases of IT  
16.29 consolidation. These funds shall be repaid  
16.30 with interest by ~~June 30, 2015~~ the end of the  
16.31 fiscal year 2015 closing period.

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

16.33 Sec. 42. Laws 2014, chapter 287, section 25, is amended to read:

17.1 Sec. 25. **PARKING RAMP; REQUIRED USER FINANCING.**

17.2 The amount equivalent to debt service on the design and construction costs allocated  
17.3 to the parking garage to be located on the block bounded by Sherburne Avenue on the north,  
17.4 Park Street on the west, University Avenue on the south, and North Capitol Boulevard on  
17.5 the east ~~must be user-financed from~~ must be transferred from parking fees collected and  
17.6 deposited into the state parking account and ~~credited to the debt service account for the~~  
17.7 Legislative Office Facility. to the general fund to offset any direct appropriations made to  
17.8 the Senate for debt service payments for the legislative parking garage.

17.9 **ARTICLE 2**

17.10 **MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

17.11 Section 1. **MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS.**

17.12 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the  
17.13 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the  
17.14 general fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures  
17.15 "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are  
17.16 available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2017, respectively. "The  
17.17 first year" is fiscal year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017. "The biennium" is  
17.18 fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

17.19 **APPROPRIATIONS**  
17.20 **Available for the Year**  
17.21 **Ending June 30**  
17.22 **2016**                      **2017**

17.23 Sec. 2. **MILITARY AFFAIRS**

17.24 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation**                      **\$**                      **19,368,000** **\$**                      **19,368,000**

17.25 The amounts that may be spent for each  
17.26 purpose are specified in the following  
17.27 subdivisions.

17.28 **Subd. 2. Maintenance of Training Facilities**                      **9,661,000**                      **9,661,000**

17.29 **Subd. 3. General Support**    **2,819,000**                      **2,819,000**

17.30 **Subd. 4. Enlistment Incentives**    **6,888,000**                      **6,888,000**

17.31 **Appropriation Availability.** If  
17.32 appropriations for either year of the biennium  
17.33 are insufficient, the appropriation from the

18.1 other year is available. The appropriations  
 18.2 for enlistment incentives are available until  
 18.3 expended.

18.4 **Transfer Authority.** Of the funds carried  
 18.5 forward from fiscal year 2015 to fiscal  
 18.6 year 2016, in the enlistment incentives  
 18.7 appropriation, \$10,000,000 in fiscal year  
 18.8 2016 may be transferred to the maintenance  
 18.9 of training facilities appropriation to  
 18.10 address significant maintenance backlog  
 18.11 to the department's military training and  
 18.12 community centers. This is a onetime  
 18.13 transfer and is available until spent.

18.14 Sec. 3. **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

18.15 <b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>65,363,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>67,581,000</u></b>
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18.16 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 18.17 purpose are specified in the following  
 18.18 subdivisions.

18.19 <b><u>Subd. 2. Veterans Services</u></b>	<b><u>16,349,000</u></b>	<b><u>16,461,000</u></b>
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18.20 **Honor Guards.** \$200,000 each year is  
 18.21 for compensation for honor guards at  
 18.22 the funerals of veterans under Minnesota  
 18.23 Statutes, section 197.231. This amount is  
 18.24 added to the program's base funding.

18.25 **Minnesota GI Bill.** \$200,000 each year is for  
 18.26 the costs of administering the Minnesota GI  
 18.27 Bill on-the-job training and apprenticeship  
 18.28 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 18.29 197.791.

18.30 **Gold Star Program.** \$100,000 each year  
 18.31 is for administering the Gold Star Program  
 18.32 for surviving family members of deceased  
 18.33 veterans. This amount is added to the  
 18.34 program's base funding.

19.1 **County Veterans Service Office.**  
 19.2 \$1,100,000 each year is for funding the  
 19.3 County Veterans Service Office grant  
 19.4 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 19.5 197.608.

19.6 **Veterans Service Organizations. \$353,000**  
 19.7 each year is for grants to the following  
 19.8 congressionally chartered veterans service  
 19.9 organizations, as designated by the  
 19.10 commissioner: Disabled American Veterans,  
 19.11 Military Order of the Purple Heart, American  
 19.12 Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam  
 19.13 Veterans of America, AMVETS, and  
 19.14 Paralyzed Veterans of America. This funding  
 19.15 must be allocated in direct proportion to  
 19.16 the funding currently being provided by the  
 19.17 commissioner to these organizations.

19.18 **Veterans Paramedic Apprenticeship**  
 19.19 **Program.** All unspent funds, estimated to  
 19.20 be \$110,000, from the Veterans Paramedic  
 19.21 Apprenticeship Program, from the onetime  
 19.22 appropriation under Laws 2009, chapter 79,  
 19.23 article 13, section 7, are canceled to the  
 19.24 general fund on July 1, 2013.

19.25 **Subd. 3. Veterans Homes** 49,014,000 51,120,000

19.26 **Veterans Homes Special Revenue Account.**  
 19.27 The general fund appropriations made to the  
 19.28 department may be transferred to a veterans  
 19.29 homes special revenue account in the special  
 19.30 revenue fund in the same manner as other  
 19.31 receipts are deposited according to Minnesota  
 19.32 Statutes, section 198.34, and are appropriated  
 19.33 to the department for the operation of  
 19.34 veterans homes facilities and programs.

20.1 **Repair and Betterment.** \$500,000 in the  
 20.2 first year and \$500,000 in the second year are  
 20.3 for the repair and betterment of Minnesota  
 20.4 veterans homes.

20.5 **Maximize Federal Reimbursements.**

20.6 The department will seek opportunities  
 20.7 to maximize federal reimbursements of  
 20.8 Medicare-eligible expenses and will provide  
 20.9 annual reports to the commissioner of  
 20.10 management and budget on the federal  
 20.11 Medicare reimbursements received.  
 20.12 Contingent upon future federal Medicare  
 20.13 receipts, reductions to the homes' general  
 20.14 fund appropriation may be made.

20.15 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 190.19, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

20.16 Subd. 2a. **Uses; veterans.** (a) Money appropriated to the Department of Veterans  
 20.17 Affairs from the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account may be used for:

20.18 (1) grants to veterans service organizations;

20.19 (2) outreach to underserved veterans;

20.20 (3) providing services and programs for veterans and their families; ~~and~~

20.21 (4) transfers to the vehicle services account for Gold Star license plates under  
 20.22 section 168.1253-<sub>2</sub>;

20.23 (5) grants of up to \$100,000 to any organization approved by the commissioner of  
 20.24 veterans affairs for the purpose of supporting and improving the lives of veterans and  
 20.25 their families; and

20.26 (6) grants to an eligible foundation.

20.27 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "eligible foundation" includes any organization  
 20.28 that:

20.29 (1) is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
 20.30 Code; and

20.31 (2) has articles of incorporation under chapter 317A specifying the purpose of the  
 20.32 organization as including the provision of financial assistance to veterans and their families.

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