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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/14/2016	5034	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development
03/24/2016		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

A bill for an act  
relating to agriculture; establishing a tractor rollover protection pilot grant  
program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
Statutes, chapter 17.

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

Section 1. **[17.119] TRACTOR ROLLOVER PROTECTION PILOT GRANT PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Grants; eligibility.** (a) The commissioner must award cost-share grants to Minnesota farmers who retrofit eligible tractors with eligible rollover protective structures. Grants are limited to 70 percent of the farmer's documented cost to purchase, ship, and install an eligible rollover protective structure. The commissioner must increase the grant award amount over the 70 percent grant limitation requirement if necessary to limit a farmer's cost per tractor to no more than \$500.

(b) A rollover protective structure is eligible if it meets or exceeds SAE International standard J2194.

(c) A tractor is eligible if the tractor was built before 1987.

Subd. 2. **Promotion; administration.** The commissioner may spend up to 20 percent of total program dollars each fiscal year to promote the program to Minnesota farmers. The commissioner must minimize administrative costs by cooperating with the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health to administer the grant program.

Subd. 3. **Nonstate funds; appropriation.** The commissioner must solicit contributions from nonstate sources to supplement state appropriations for this program. Funds received under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of this section.

2.1            Subd. 4. **Expiration.** This section expires on June 30, 2019.

2.2            Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.3            \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
2.4            commissioner of agriculture for the purposes of section 1.