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A bill for an act

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relating to health; providing funds to eliminate health disparities of first

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generation Somali women in Minnesota; appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; WOMEN'S HEALTH EQUITY.**

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\$250,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the

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commissioner of health for a grant to a Somali-based health care organization located

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in Minnesota. The grant must be used to address health inequities experienced by first

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generation Somali women. The services provided must be culturally specific in order to

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improve Somali women's access to maternal health and preventive care; reduce infant

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mortality; and increase health literacy. The grant recipient must use community-based

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participatory research focusing on Somali women-centered programs, and must develop a

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methodology to measure program effectiveness by achieving better health outcomes for

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Somali women. The grant recipient must report the program's measured outcomes to

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the commissioner by September 1, 2016.