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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2502

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy

03/24/2016 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.2 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.3 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.4 commissioner of agriculture for the purposes of section 1.