

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to the operation of state government; changing certain appropriations
1.3 and provisions relating to agriculture and veterans affairs; requiring a report;
1.4 funding certain projects for veterans; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2009 Supplement, sections 190.19, subdivision 2a; 198.003, subdivision
1.6 4a; Laws 2007, chapter 45, article 1, section 3, subdivisions 4, as amended, 5, as
1.7 amended; Laws 2009, chapter 94, article 1, section 3, subdivision 5; article 3,
1.8 section 2, subdivision 3.

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

1.10 **ARTICLE 1**

1.11 **AGRICULTURE**

1.12 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.13 Unless otherwise stated, the sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations"
1.14 are added to, or if shown in parentheses, subtracted from the appropriations in Laws
1.15 2009, chapter 94, article 1, to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article.
1.16 The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available
1.17 for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2010" and "2011" used in
1.18 this article mean that the addition to or subtraction from the appropriation listed under
1.19 them is available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, or June 30, 2011, respectively.
1.20 Supplemental appropriations and reductions to appropriations for the fiscal year ending
1.21 June 30, 2010, are effective the day following final enactment.

1.22 **APPROPRIATIONS**
1.23 **Available for the Year**
1.24 **Ending June 30**
1.25 **2010** **2011**

- 3.1 Laws 2001, First Special Session chapter 2,
3.2 section 9, subdivision 2.
- 3.3 \$1,000 in 2011 is a reduction from the
3.4 appropriation for a grant to the Minnesota
3.5 Livestock Breeders Association.
- 3.6 \$15,000 in 2011 is a reduction from the
3.7 appropriation for a grant to the Minnesota
3.8 Agricultural Education and Leadership
3.9 Council.
- 3.10 \$4,000 in 2011 is a reduction from the
3.11 appropriation for the Northern Crops
3.12 Institute.
- 3.13 \$4,000 in 2010 and \$5,000 in 2011 are
3.14 reductions from the appropriation for grants
3.15 to the Minnesota Turf Seed Council for
3.16 basic and applied research on the improved
3.17 production of forage and turf seed related to
3.18 new and improved varieties.
- 3.19 \$3,000 in 2010 and \$4,000 in 2011 are
3.20 reductions from the appropriation for grants
3.21 to the Minnesota Turf Seed Council for basic
3.22 and applied agronomic research on native
3.23 plants including plant breeding, nutrient
3.24 management, pest management, disease
3.25 management yield, and viability.
- 3.26 \$60,000 in 2010 is a reduction from the
3.27 appropriation for the agricultural growth,
3.28 research, and innovation program.
- 3.29 \$8,000 in 2011 is a reduction from the
3.30 appropriation for transfer to the Board of
3.31 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
3.32 Universities for mental health counseling
3.33 support to farm families and business
3.34 operators through farm business management

4.1 programs at Central Lakes College and
4.2 Ridgewater College.

4.3 \$1,000 in 2011 is a reduction from the
4.4 appropriation for a grant to the Minnesota
4.5 Horticultural Society.

4.6 \$4,000 in 2010 is a reduction from the
4.7 appropriation for transfer to the University
4.8 of Minnesota Extension Service for
4.9 farm-to-school grants to school districts in
4.10 Minneapolis, Moorhead, White Earth, and
4.11 Willmar.

4.12 \$300,000 in 2010 and \$300,000 in 2011
4.13 are reductions due to efficiencies and other
4.14 cost savings realized by various methods
4.15 including, but not limited to, renegotiating
4.16 leases and other contracts and resource
4.17 reorganization or consolidation within the
4.18 department or in conjunction with other
4.19 public entities. The commissioner may
4.20 allocate these reductions to programs. If
4.21 the commissioner cannot realize \$300,000
4.22 in savings in each fiscal year from these
4.23 methods, the commissioner shall achieve the
4.24 reductions required under this provision by
4.25 eliminating employees in the unclassified
4.26 service or reducing the department's
4.27 operations and maintenance budget.

4.28 **Subd. 6. Transfers In**

4.29 Notwithstanding any other law to the
4.30 contrary, the commissioner of management
4.31 and budget shall transfer \$405,000 from
4.32 the agricultural fund to the general fund
4.33 by July 15, 2010. By July 15, 2011, the
4.34 commissioner of management and budget

6.1 in the appropriation is available to the
6.2 commissioner for value-added agricultural
6.3 programs including the value-added
6.4 agricultural product processing and
6.5 marketing grant program under Minnesota
6.6 Statutes, section 17.101, subdivision 5. The
6.7 appropriation remains available until spent.
6.8 \$3,000,000 the first year is for grants to
6.9 bioenergy projects. The NextGen Energy
6.10 Board shall make recommendations to
6.11 the commissioner on grants for owners of
6.12 Minnesota facilities producing bioenergy,
6.13 organizations that provide for on-station,
6.14 on-farm field scale research and outreach to
6.15 develop and test the agronomic and economic
6.16 requirements of diverse stands of prairie
6.17 plants and other perennials for bioenergy
6.18 systems, or certain nongovernmental
6.19 entities. For the purposes of this paragraph,
6.20 "bioenergy" includes transportation fuels
6.21 derived from cellulosic material as well as
6.22 the generation of energy for commercial heat,
6.23 industrial process heat, or electrical power
6.24 from cellulosic material via gasification
6.25 or other processes. The board must give
6.26 priority to a bioenergy facility that is at
6.27 least 60 percent owned and controlled by
6.28 farmers, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
6.29 section 500.24, subdivision 2, paragraph
6.30 (n), or natural persons residing in the
6.31 county or counties contiguous to where the
6.32 facility is located. Grants are limited to 50
6.33 percent of the cost of research, technical
6.34 assistance, or equipment related to bioenergy
6.35 production or \$1,000,000, whichever is
6.36 less. Grants to nongovernmental entities

7.1 for the development of business plans and
7.2 structures related to community ownership
7.3 of eligible bioenergy facilities together may
7.4 not exceed \$150,000. The board shall make
7.5 a good faith effort to select projects that have
7.6 merit and when taken together represent a
7.7 variety of bioenergy technologies, biomass
7.8 feedstocks, and geographic regions of the
7.9 state. Projects must have a qualified engineer
7.10 certification on the technology and fuel
7.11 source. Grantees shall provide reports at
7.12 the request of the commissioner and must
7.13 actively participate in the Agricultural
7.14 Utilization Research Institute's Renewable
7.15 Energy Roundtable. No later than February
7.16 1, 2009, the commissioner shall report on
7.17 the projects funded under this appropriation
7.18 to the house and senate committees with
7.19 jurisdiction over agriculture finance. The
7.20 commissioner's costs in administering the
7.21 program may be paid from the appropriation.
7.22 ~~Any unencumbered balance does not cancel~~
7.23 ~~at the end of the first year and is available~~
7.24 ~~in the second year~~ This appropriation is
7.25 available until June 30, 2011.
7.26 \$200,000 the first year is for a grant to the
7.27 Minnesota Turf Seed Council for basic
7.28 and applied agronomic research on native
7.29 plants, including plant breeding, nutrient
7.30 management, pest management, disease
7.31 management, yield, and viability. The grant
7.32 recipient may subcontract with a qualified
7.33 third party for some or all of the basic
7.34 or applied research. The grant recipient
7.35 must actively participate in the Agricultural
7.36 Utilization Research Institute's Renewable

8.1 Energy Roundtable and no later than
8.2 February 1, 2009, must report to the house
8.3 and senate committees with jurisdiction
8.4 over agriculture finance. This is a onetime
8.5 appropriation and is available until spent.
8.6 \$200,000 the first year is for a grant to a joint
8.7 venture combined heat and power energy
8.8 facility located in Scott or LeSueur County
8.9 for the creation of a centrally located biomass
8.10 fuel supply depot with the capability of
8.11 unloading, processing, testing, scaling, and
8.12 storing renewable biomass fuels. The grant
8.13 must be matched by at least \$3 of nonstate
8.14 funds for every \$1 of state funds. The grant
8.15 recipient must actively participate in the
8.16 Agricultural Utilization Research Institute's
8.17 Renewable Energy Roundtable and no
8.18 later than February 1, 2009, must report
8.19 to the house and senate committees with
8.20 jurisdiction over agriculture finance. This is
8.21 a onetime appropriation and is available until
8.22 spent.
8.23 \$300,000 the first year is for a grant to the
8.24 Bois Forte Band of Chippewa for a feasibility
8.25 study of a renewable energy biofuels
8.26 demonstration facility on the Bois Forte
8.27 Reservation in St. Louis and Koochiching
8.28 Counties. The grant shall be used by the Bois
8.29 Forte Band to conduct a detailed feasibility
8.30 study of the economic and technical viability
8.31 of developing a multistream renewable
8.32 energy biofuels demonstration facility
8.33 on Bois Forte Reservation land to utilize
8.34 existing forest resources, woody biomass,
8.35 and cellulosic material to produce biofuels or
8.36 bioenergy. The grant recipient must actively

9.1 participate in the Agricultural Utilization
9.2 Research Institute's Renewable Energy
9.3 Roundtable and no later than February 1,
9.4 2009, must report to the house and senate
9.5 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
9.6 finance. This is a onetime appropriation and
9.7 is available until spent.

9.8 \$300,000 the first year is for a grant to
9.9 the White Earth Band of Chippewa for a
9.10 feasibility study of a renewable energy
9.11 biofuels production, research, and production
9.12 facility on the White Earth Reservation in
9.13 Mahnommen County. The grant must be used
9.14 by the White Earth Band and the University
9.15 of Minnesota to conduct a detailed feasibility
9.16 study of the economic and technical viability
9.17 of (1) developing a multistream renewable
9.18 energy biofuels demonstration facility on
9.19 White Earth Reservation land to utilize
9.20 existing forest resources, woody biomass,
9.21 and cellulosic material to produce biofuels or
9.22 bioenergy, and (2) developing, harvesting,
9.23 and marketing native prairie plants and seeds
9.24 for bioenergy production. The grant recipient
9.25 must actively participate in the Agricultural
9.26 Utilization Research Institute's Renewable
9.27 Energy Roundtable and no later than
9.28 February 1, 2009, must report to the house
9.29 and senate committees with jurisdiction
9.30 over agriculture finance. This is a onetime
9.31 appropriation and is available until spent.

9.32 \$200,000 the first year is for a grant to the Elk
9.33 River Economic Development Authority for
9.34 upfront engineering and a feasibility study
9.35 of the Elk River renewable fuels facility.
9.36 The facility must use a plasma gasification

10.1 process to convert primarily cellulosic
10.2 material, but may also use plastics and other
10.3 components from municipal solid waste, as
10.4 feedstock for the production of methanol
10.5 for use in biodiesel production facilities.
10.6 Any unencumbered balance in fiscal year
10.7 2008 does not cancel but is available for
10.8 fiscal year 2009. Notwithstanding Minnesota
10.9 Statutes, section 16A.285, the agency must
10.10 not transfer this appropriation. The grant
10.11 recipient must actively participate in the
10.12 Agricultural Utilization Research Institute's
10.13 Renewable Energy Roundtable and no
10.14 later than February 1, 2009, must report
10.15 to the house and senate committees with
10.16 jurisdiction over agriculture finance. This is
10.17 a onetime appropriation and is available until
10.18 spent.

10.19 \$200,000 the first year is for a grant to
10.20 Chisago County to conduct a detailed
10.21 feasibility study of the economic and
10.22 technical viability of developing a
10.23 multistream renewable energy biofuels
10.24 demonstration facility in Chisago, Isanti,
10.25 or Pine County to utilize existing forest
10.26 resources, woody biomass, and cellulosic
10.27 material to produce biofuels or bioenergy.
10.28 Chisago County may expend funds to Isanti
10.29 and Pine Counties and the University of
10.30 Minnesota for any costs incurred as part
10.31 of the study. The feasibility study must
10.32 consider the capacity of: (1) the seed bank
10.33 at Wild River State Park to expand the
10.34 existing prairie grass, woody biomass, and
10.35 cellulosic material resources in Chisago,
10.36 Isanti, and Pine Counties; (2) willing and

11.1 interested landowners in Chisago, Isanti, and
11.2 Pine Counties to grow cellulosic materials;
11.3 and (3) the Minnesota Conservation Corps,
11.4 the sentence to serve program, and other
11.5 existing workforce programs in east central
11.6 Minnesota to contribute labor to these efforts.
11.7 The grant recipient must actively participate
11.8 in the Agricultural Utilization Research
11.9 Institute's Renewable Energy Roundtable and
11.10 no later than February 1, 2009, must report
11.11 to the house and senate committees with
11.12 jurisdiction over agriculture finance. This is
11.13 a onetime appropriation and is available until
11.14 spent.

11.15 Sec. 6. Laws 2007, chapter 45, article 1, section 3, subdivision 5, as amended by Laws
11.16 2008, chapter 297, article 1, section 65, is amended to read:

11.17 Subd. 5. **Administration and Financial**
11.18 **Assistance** 7,338,000 6,751,000

11.19 \$1,005,000 the first year and \$1,005,000
11.20 the second year are for continuation of
11.21 the dairy development and profitability
11.22 enhancement and dairy business planning
11.23 grant programs established under Laws 1997,
11.24 chapter 216, section 7, subdivision 2, and
11.25 Laws 2001, First Special Session chapter 2,
11.26 section 9, subdivision 2 . The commissioner
11.27 may allocate the available sums among
11.28 permissible activities, including efforts to
11.29 improve the quality of milk produced in the
11.30 state in the proportions that the commissioner
11.31 deems most beneficial to Minnesota's dairy
11.32 farmers. The commissioner must submit a
11.33 work plan detailing plans for expenditures
11.34 under this program to the chairs of the
11.35 house and senate committees dealing with

12.1 agricultural policy and budget on or before
12.2 the start of each fiscal year. If significant
12.3 changes are made to the plans in the course
12.4 of the year, the commissioner must notify the
12.5 chairs.
12.6 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
12.7 second year are for the Northern Crops
12.8 Institute. These appropriations may be spent
12.9 to purchase equipment.
12.10 \$19,000 the first year and \$19,000 the
12.11 second year are for a grant to the Minnesota
12.12 Livestock Breeders Association.
12.13 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
12.14 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
12.15 Agricultural Education Leadership Council
12.16 for programs of the council under Minnesota
12.17 Statutes, chapter 41D.
12.18 \$600,000 the first year is for grants for
12.19 fertilizer research as awarded by the
12.20 Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research
12.21 and Education Council under Minnesota
12.22 Statutes, section 18C.71. The amount
12.23 available to the commissioner pursuant
12.24 to Minnesota Statutes, section 18C.70,
12.25 subdivision 2, for administration of this
12.26 activity is available until February 1, 2009,
12.27 by which time the commissioner shall
12.28 report to the house and senate committees
12.29 with jurisdiction over agriculture finance.
12.30 The report must include the progress and
12.31 outcome of funded projects as well as the
12.32 sentiment of the council concerning the need
12.33 for additional research funded through an
12.34 industry checkoff fee. The amount available
12.35 for grants is available until June 30, 2011.

13.1 \$465,000 the first year and \$465,000 the
13.2 second year are for payments to county and
13.3 district agricultural societies and associations
13.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
13.5 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
13.6 district agricultural societies and associations
13.7 shall be disbursed not later than July 15 of
13.8 each year. These payments are the amount of
13.9 aid owed by the state for an annual fair held
13.10 in the previous calendar year.

13.11 \$65,000 the first year and \$65,000 the second
13.12 year are for annual grants to the Minnesota
13.13 Turf Seed Council for basic and applied
13.14 research on the improved production of
13.15 forage and turf seed related to new and
13.16 improved varieties. The grant recipient may
13.17 subcontract with a qualified third party for
13.18 some or all of the basic and applied research.

13.19 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
13.20 second year are for grants to Second Harvest
13.21 Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's six
13.22 Second Harvest food banks for the purchase
13.23 of milk for distribution to Minnesota's food
13.24 shelves and other charitable organizations
13.25 that are eligible to receive food from the food
13.26 banks. Milk purchased under the grants must
13.27 be acquired from Minnesota milk processors
13.28 and based on low-cost bids. The milk must be
13.29 allocated to each Second Harvest food bank
13.30 serving Minnesota according to the formula
13.31 used in the distribution of United States
13.32 Department of Agriculture commodities
13.33 under The Emergency Food Assistance
13.34 Program (TEFAP). Second Harvest
13.35 Heartland must submit quarterly reports
13.36 to the commissioner on forms prescribed

14.1 by the commissioner. The reports must
14.2 include, but are not limited to, information
14.3 on the expenditure of funds, the amount
14.4 of milk purchased, and the organizations
14.5 to which the milk was distributed. Second
14.6 Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts
14.7 or agreements with food banks for shared
14.8 funding or reimbursement of the direct
14.9 purchase of milk. Each food bank receiving
14.10 money from this appropriation may use up to
14.11 two percent of the grant for administrative
14.12 expenses.

14.13 \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
14.14 second year are for transfer to the Board of
14.15 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
14.16 Universities for mental health counseling
14.17 support to farm families and business
14.18 operators through farm business management
14.19 programs at Central Lakes College and
14.20 Ridgewater College.

14.21 \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the
14.22 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
14.23 Horticultural Society.

14.24 \$50,000 is for a grant to the University of
14.25 Minnesota, Department of Horticultural
14.26 Science, Enology Laboratory, to upgrade
14.27 and purchase instrumentation to allow
14.28 rapid and accurate measurement of enology
14.29 components. This is a onetime appropriation
14.30 and is available until expended.

14.31 Sec. 7. Laws 2009, chapter 94, article 1, section 3, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

14.32 Subd. 5. **Administration and Financial**
14.33 **Assistance**

8,177,000

7,037,000

| 15.1 | Appropriations by Fund | | |
|------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 15.2 | 2010 | 2011 | |
| 15.3 | General | 7,377,000 | 6,237,000 |
| 15.4 | Agricultural | 800,000 | 800,000 |

15.5 \$780,000 the first year and \$755,000 the
15.6 second year are for continuation of the dairy
15.7 development and profitability enhancement
15.8 and dairy business planning grant programs
15.9 established under Laws 1997, chapter
15.10 216, section 7, subdivision 2, and Laws
15.11 2001, First Special Session chapter 2,
15.12 section 9, subdivision 2. The commissioner
15.13 may allocate the available sums among
15.14 permissible activities, including efforts to
15.15 improve the quality of milk produced in the
15.16 state in the proportions that the commissioner
15.17 deems most beneficial to Minnesota's dairy
15.18 farmers. The commissioner must submit a
15.19 work plan detailing plans for expenditures
15.20 under this program to the chairs of the house
15.21 of representatives and senate committees
15.22 dealing with agricultural policy and budget
15.23 on or before the start of each fiscal year. If
15.24 significant changes are made to the plans
15.25 in the course of the year, the commissioner
15.26 must notify the chairs.

15.27 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
15.28 second year are for the Northern Crops
15.29 Institute. These appropriations may be spent
15.30 to purchase equipment.

15.31 \$19,000 the first year and \$19,000 the
15.32 second year are for a grant to the Minnesota
15.33 Livestock Breeders Association.

15.34 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
15.35 second year are for grants to the Minnesota

16.1 Agricultural Education and Leadership
16.2 Council for programs of the council under
16.3 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D.
16.4 \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
16.5 second year are for payments to county and
16.6 district agricultural societies and associations
16.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
16.8 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
16.9 district agricultural societies and associations
16.10 shall be disbursed no later than July 15 of
16.11 each year. These payments are the amount of
16.12 aid from the state for an annual fair held in
16.13 the previous calendar year.
16.14 \$1,000 the first year and \$1,000 the second
16.15 year are for grants to the Minnesota State
16.16 Poultry Association.
16.17 \$65,000 the first year and \$65,000 the second
16.18 year are for annual grants to the Minnesota
16.19 Turf Seed Council for basic and applied
16.20 research on the improved production of
16.21 forage and turf seed related to new and
16.22 improved varieties. The grant recipient may
16.23 subcontract with a qualified third party for
16.24 some or all of the basic and applied research.
16.25 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
16.26 second year are for annual grants to the
16.27 Minnesota Turf Seed Council for basic
16.28 and applied agronomic research on native
16.29 plants, including plant breeding, nutrient
16.30 management, pest management, disease
16.31 management, yield, and viability. The grant
16.32 recipient may subcontract with a qualified
16.33 third party for some or all of the basic
16.34 or applied research. The grant recipient
16.35 must actively participate in the Agricultural

17.1 Utilization Research Institute's Renewable
17.2 Energy Roundtable and no later than
17.3 February 1, 2011, must report to the house of
17.4 representatives and senate committees with
17.5 jurisdiction over agriculture finance.

17.6 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
17.7 second year are for grants to Second Harvest
17.8 Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's six
17.9 Second Harvest food banks for the purchase
17.10 of milk for distribution to Minnesota's food
17.11 shelves and other charitable organizations
17.12 that are eligible to receive food from the food
17.13 banks. Milk purchased under the grants must
17.14 be acquired from Minnesota milk processors
17.15 and based on low-cost bids. The milk must be
17.16 allocated to each Second Harvest food bank
17.17 serving Minnesota according to the formula
17.18 used in the distribution of United States
17.19 Department of Agriculture commodities
17.20 under The Emergency Food Assistance
17.21 Program (TEFAP). Second Harvest
17.22 Heartland must submit quarterly reports
17.23 to the commissioner on forms prescribed
17.24 by the commissioner. The reports must
17.25 include, but are not limited to, information
17.26 on the expenditure of funds, the amount
17.27 of milk purchased, and the organizations
17.28 to which the milk was distributed. Second
17.29 Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts
17.30 or agreements with food banks for shared
17.31 funding or reimbursement of the direct
17.32 purchase of milk. Each food bank receiving
17.33 money from this appropriation may use up to
17.34 two percent of the grant for administrative
17.35 expenses.

18.1 \$1,000,000 the first year is for the agricultural
18.2 growth, research, and innovation program
18.3 in Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12.
18.4 Priority must be given to livestock programs
18.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.118.
18.6 Priority for livestock grants shall be given
18.7 to persons who are beginning livestock
18.8 producers and livestock producers who are
18.9 rebuilding after a disaster that was due to
18.10 natural or other unintended conditions. The
18.11 commissioner may use up to 4.5 percent
18.12 of this appropriation for costs incurred to
18.13 administer the program. Any unencumbered
18.14 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
18.15 year and is available in the second year.

18.16 \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
18.17 second year are for transfer to the Board of
18.18 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
18.19 Universities for mental health counseling
18.20 support to farm families and business
18.21 operators through farm business management
18.22 programs at Central Lakes College and
18.23 Ridgewater College.

18.24 \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the
18.25 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
18.26 Horticultural Society.

18.27 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
18.28 section 18C.131, \$800,000 the first year
18.29 and \$800,000 the second year are from the
18.30 fertilizer account in the agricultural fund
18.31 for grants for fertilizer research as awarded
18.32 by the Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer
18.33 Research and Education Council under
18.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 18C.71. The
18.35 amount appropriated in either fiscal year must

19.1 not exceed 57 percent of the inspection fee
19.2 revenue collected under Minnesota Statutes,
19.3 section 18C.425, subdivision 6, during the
19.4 previous fiscal year. No later than February
19.5 1, 2011, the commissioner shall report to
19.6 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
19.7 over agriculture finance. The report must
19.8 include the progress and outcome of funded
19.9 projects as well as the sentiment of the
19.10 council concerning the need for additional
19.11 research funds. The appropriation for the
19.12 first year is available until June 30, 2013,
19.13 and the appropriation for the second year is
19.14 available until June 30, 2014.

19.15 \$60,000 the first year is for a transfer to the
19.16 University of Minnesota Extension Service
19.17 for farm-to-school grants to school districts
19.18 in Minneapolis, Moorhead, White Earth, and
19.19 Willmar.

19.20 *\$30,000 is for star farms program*
19.21 *development. The commissioner, in*
19.22 *consultation with other state and local*
19.23 *agencies, farm groups, conservation*
19.24 *groups, legislators, and other interested*
19.25 *persons, shall develop a proposal for a star*
19.26 *farms program. By January 15, 2010, the*
19.27 *commissioner shall submit the proposal to*
19.28 *the legislative committees and divisions*
19.29 *with jurisdiction over agriculture and*
19.30 *environmental policy and finance. This is a*
19.31 **onetime appropriation. * (The preceding**
19.32 **paragraph beginning "\$30,000 is for star**
19.33 **farms program" was indicated as vetoed**
19.34 **by the governor.)**

20.1 \$25,000 the first year is for the administration
20.2 of the Feeding Minnesota Task Force, under
20.3 new Minnesota Statutes, section 31.97. This
20.4 is a onetime appropriation.

20.5 **ARTICLE 2**

20.6 **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

20.7 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

20.8 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are added to, or if shown
20.9 in parentheses, subtracted from the appropriations in Laws 2009, chapter 94, article 3, to
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20.15 reductions to appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, are effective the
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|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>Available for the Year</u> | |
| | <u>Ending June 30</u> | |
| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> |

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| 20.21 | Sec. 2. <u>VETERANS AFFAIRS</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>250,000</u> |
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20.22 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2011 is for a grant
20.23 to the Military Assistance Council for
20.24 Veterans to provide assistance throughout
20.25 Minnesota to veterans and their families who
20.26 are homeless or in danger of homelessness,
20.27 including housing, utility, employment, and
20.28 legal assistance, according to guidelines
20.29 established by the commissioner. In
20.30 order to avoid duplication of services,
20.31 the commissioner must ensure that this
20.32 assistance will be coordinated with all other
20.33 available programs for veterans. This is a
20.34 onetime appropriation.

21.1 Of the appropriation in Laws 2009, chapter
21.2 94, article 3, section 2, subdivision 2:

21.3 (1) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2011 is for
21.4 compensation for honor guards at the
21.5 funerals of veterans in accordance with the
21.6 program established in Minnesota Statutes,
21.7 section 197.231; and

21.8 (2) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2010 and
21.9 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2011 are from the
21.10 Support our Troops account for an increase
21.11 in the CORE grant program.

21.12 **Sec. 3. VETERANS HOMES**

21.13 Of the appropriation in Laws 2009, chapter
21.14 94, article 3, section 2, subdivision 3, or from
21.15 funds carried forward from fiscal year 2009:

21.16 (1) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2011 is for
21.17 operational expenses related to the 21-bed
21.18 addition at the Fergus Falls Veterans Home;
21.19 and

21.20 (2) \$113,000 in fiscal year 2011 is for start-up
21.21 expenses related to the opening of an adult
21.22 daycare facility at the Minneapolis Veterans
21.23 Home.

21.24 **Sec. 4. REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**

21.25 By January 15, 2011, the commissioner shall
21.26 report to the chairs and ranking minority
21.27 members of the legislative committees and
21.28 divisions with jurisdiction over veterans
21.29 affairs policy and finance regarding any
21.30 unexpended appropriations, revenues, or
21.31 other actual or projected carryover money
21.32 provided directly or indirectly through any
21.33 provision in this article.

22.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 190.19, subdivision 2a, is
22.2 amended to read:

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

22.5 (1) grants to veterans service organizations;

22.6 (2) outreach to underserved veterans; ~~and~~

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

22.8 (4) transfers to the vehicle services account for Gold Star license plates under
22.9 section 168.1253.

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

22.11 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 198.003, subdivision 4a, is
22.12 amended to read:

22.13 Subd. 4a. **Federal funding.** The commissioner ~~is authorized to~~ may apply for ~~and~~
22.14 accept, and spend federal funding for purposes of this section.

22.15 Sec. 7. Laws 2009, chapter 94, article 3, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

22.16 Subd. 3. **Veterans Homes** 43,673,000 43,916,000

22.17 **Veterans Homes Special Revenue Account.**

22.18 The general fund appropriations made to
22.19 the department may be transferred to a
22.20 veterans homes special revenue account in
22.21 the special revenue fund in the same manner
22.22 as other receipts are deposited according
22.23 to Minnesota Statutes, section 198.34, and
22.24 are appropriated to the department for the
22.25 operation of veterans homes facilities and
22.26 programs.

22.27 **Repair and Betterment.** Of this
22.28 appropriation, \$1,000,000 in fiscal year
22.29 2010 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2011
22.30 are to be used for repair, maintenance,
22.31 rehabilitation, and betterment activities at
22.32 facilities statewide.

- 23.1 **Hastings Veterans Home.** \$220,000 each
23.2 year is for increases in the mental health
23.3 program at the Hastings Veterans Home.
- 23.4 ~~**Food.** \$92,000 in fiscal year 2010 and~~
23.5 ~~\$189,000 in fiscal year 2011 are for increases~~
23.6 ~~in food costs at the Minnesota veterans~~
23.7 ~~homes.~~
- 23.8 ~~**Pharmaceuticals.** \$287,000 in fiscal year~~
23.9 ~~2010 and \$617,000 in fiscal year 2011 are for~~
23.10 ~~increases in pharmaceutical costs.~~
- 23.11 ~~**Fuel and Utilities.** \$277,000 in fiscal year~~
23.12 ~~2010 and \$593,000 in fiscal year 2011 are~~
23.13 ~~for increases in fuel and utility costs at the~~
23.14 ~~Minnesota veterans homes.~~
- 23.15 **Medicare Part D.** \$141,000 in fiscal year
23.16 2010 and \$141,000 in fiscal year 2011 are
23.17 for implementation of Minnesota Statutes,
23.18 section 198.003, subdivision 7.