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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce and Business Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; establishing an emergency hospitality safety
1.3 assistance program; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. EMERGENCY HOSPITALITY SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;
1.6 APPROPRIATION.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. (a) \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from
1.8 the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for grants
1.9 under this section. Of this amount, no more than \$..... may be used for the administrative
1.10 costs incurred in making these payments.

1.11 (b) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph (a), \$5,000,000 is for grants to minority
1.12 business enterprises, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.14, subdivision 5, and
1.13 businesses that are majority owned and operated by women.

1.14 (c) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until expended.

1.15 Subd. 2. Grants. (a) To be eligible for a grant under this subdivision a business must,
1.16 to the extent it is feasible for the commissioner of employment and economic development
1.17 to determine:

1.18 (1) be a restaurant, bar, brewery, or other entertainment venue serving food or beverages
1.19 located within the city limits of the city of Minneapolis or the city of St. Paul or another
1.20 municipality with a comparable level of violent crime on a per-capita basis; and

1.21 (2) be owned by a resident of Minnesota.

2.1 (b) The commissioner of employment and economic development shall make grants on
2.2 a first-come, first-served basis to eligible businesses, with no eligible business receiving a
2.3 grant of more than \$25,000. Grant funds must be used for expenses related to the cost of
2.4 private efforts to keep employees and customers safe. Reimbursable expenses include but
2.5 are not limited to costs related to hiring private security and installing security cameras or
2.6 enhanced lighting.

2.7 (c) Grants and the process of making grants under this section are exempt from the
2.8 following statutes and related policies: Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.15, subdivision 3;
2.9 16B.97; 16B.98, subdivisions 5, 7, and 8; and 116J.993 to 116J.995. The commissioner of
2.10 employment and economic development shall monitor the use of grant funds under this
2.11 section. The exemptions under this paragraph expire when the appropriation under paragraph
2.12 (a) has been expended.

2.13 Subd. 3. **Report to legislature.** By December 31, 2022, the commissioner of employment
2.14 and economic development shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members
2.15 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over business development detailing the use
2.16 of funds under this section.

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