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Authorred by Klevorn and Nash  
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy  
Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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A bill for an act

relating to government operations; establishing a biennial budget; appropriating money for the legislature, certain constitutional offices and state agencies, Minnesota Historical Society, Minnesota Humanities Center, State Lottery, retirement plans, general contingent account, and tort claims; authorizing an increase in certain legislative positions; establishing a Healthy Aging Subcabinet; modifying education requirements and mobility for public accountants; modifying an advanced deposit wagering fee; modifying lottery retailer contracting requirements; modifying provisions governing Medicaid fraud; granting the attorney general certain subpoena and enforcement authority; providing criminal penalties; authorizing statue replacement; establishing a process for fraudulent business filing removal; authorizing rulemaking; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.099, subdivision 3; 3.971, by adding a subdivision; 3.98, subdivisions 1, 3; 8.16, subdivision 1; 11A.07, subdivisions 4, 4b; 13.485, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 16A.057, subdivision 5; 240.131, subdivision 7; 256B.12; 326A.03, subdivision 6, by adding subdivisions; 326A.14; 349A.01, by adding a subdivision; 349A.06, subdivisions 2, 4, 11; 609.48, subdivision 1; 609.52, subdivision 2; 628.26; Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 1, sections 11, subdivision 2; 47; Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 67, section 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 4; 5; 300; 609; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 16A.90; 16B.356; 16B.357; 16B.358; 16B.359; 609.466; Minnesota Rules, part 1105.7900, item D.

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

ARTICLE 1

STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.

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"The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"

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is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

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<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
<u>Available for the Year</u>	
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

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Sec. 2. LEGISLATURE

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Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$

114,268,000

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114,389,000

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The amounts that may be spent for each

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purpose are specified in the following

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subdivisions.

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Subd. 2. Senate

38,953,000

38,953,000

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The base for this appropriation is \$39,703,000

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in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year

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thereafter.

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Subd. 3. House of Representatives

42,375,000

41,162,000

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The base for this appropriation is \$39,437,000

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in fiscal year 2028 and \$39,436,000 in fiscal

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year 2029.

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Subd. 4. Legislative Coordinating Commission

32,940,000

34,274,000

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The base for this appropriation is \$34,283,000

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in fiscal year 2028 and \$34,284,000 in fiscal

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year 2029.

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Legislative Auditor. \$12,654,000 the first

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year and \$13,147,000 the second year are for

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the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

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Revisor of Statutes. \$9,388,000 the first year

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and \$9,769,000 the second year are for the

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Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

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Legislative Reference Library. \$2,278,000

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the first year and \$2,369,000 the second year

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are for the Legislative Reference Library.

3.1 Legislative Budget Office. \$2,800,000 the  
3.2 first year and \$2,965,000 the second year are  
3.3 for the Legislative Budget Office.

3.4 Sec. 3. GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT  
3.5 GOVERNOR \$ 9,231,000 \$ 9,231,000

3.6 (a) \$19,000 each year is for necessary  
3.7 expenses in the normal performance of the  
3.8 governor's and lieutenant governor's duties for  
3.9 which no other reimbursement is provided.

3.10 (b) By September 1 of each year, the  
3.11 commissioner of management and budget shall  
3.12 report to the chairs and ranking minority  
3.13 members of the legislative committees with  
3.14 jurisdiction over state government finance any  
3.15 personnel costs incurred by the Offices of the  
3.16 Governor and Lieutenant Governor that were  
3.17 supported by appropriations to other agencies  
3.18 during the previous fiscal year. The Office of  
3.19 the Governor shall inform the chairs and  
3.20 ranking minority members of the committees  
3.21 before initiating any interagency agreements.

3.22 Sec. 4. STATE AUDITOR \$ 15,497,000 \$ 16,101,000

3.23 The base for this appropriation is \$16,034,000  
3.24 in fiscal year 2028 and \$16,064,000 in fiscal  
3.25 year 2029.

3.26 Sec. 5. ATTORNEY GENERAL \$ 48,854,000 \$ 48,237,000

3.27 The general fund base for this appropriation  
3.28 is \$44,821,000 in fiscal year 2028 and  
3.29 \$44,462,000 in fiscal year 2029.

3.30	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
3.31		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
3.32	<u>General</u>	<u>45,438,000</u>	<u>44,821,000</u>
3.33	<u>State Government</u>		
3.34	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>3,021,000</u>	<u>3,021,000</u>

4.1	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>		
4.2	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>		
4.3	Sec. 6. <u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>13,120,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,004,000</u>
4.4	<u>The base for this appropriation is \$12,934,000</u>				
4.5	<u>in fiscal year 2028 and \$13,004,000 in fiscal</u>				
4.6	<u>year 2029.</u>				
4.7	Sec. 7. <u>STATE BOARD OF INVESTMENT</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>139,000</u>	<u>\$ 139,000</u>
4.8	Sec. 8. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>11,110,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,709,000</u>
4.9	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>				
4.10		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>		
4.11	<u>General</u>	<u>705,000</u>	<u>715,000</u>		
4.12	<u>Workers'</u>				
4.13	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>10,405,000</u>	<u>10,994,000</u>		
4.14	Sec. 9. <u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u>				
4.15	<u>SERVICES</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>10,153,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,172,000</u>
4.16	<u>The base for this appropriation is \$10,222,000</u>				
4.17	<u>in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year</u>				
4.18	<u>thereafter.</u>				
4.19	<u>During the biennium ending June 30, 2027,</u>				
4.20	<u>the Department of Information Technology</u>				
4.21	<u>Services must not charge fees to a public</u>				
4.22	<u>noncommercial educational television</u>				
4.23	<u>broadcast station eligible for funding under</u>				
4.24	<u>Minnesota Statutes, chapter 129D, for access</u>				
4.25	<u>to the state broadcast infrastructure. If the</u>				
4.26	<u>access fees not charged to public</u>				
4.27	<u>noncommercial educational television</u>				
4.28	<u>broadcast stations total more than \$400,000</u>				
4.29	<u>for the biennium, the office may charge for</u>				
4.30	<u>access fees in excess of these amounts.</u>				
4.31	Sec. 10. <u>ADMINISTRATION</u>				
4.32	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>36,976,000</u>	<u>\$ 36,985,000</u>

5.1 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 5.2 purpose are specified in the following  
 5.3 subdivisions.

5.4 Subd. 2. **Government and Citizen Services** 17,067,000 17,075,000

5.5 The general fund base for this appropriation  
 5.6 is \$17,131,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each  
 5.7 fiscal year thereafter.

5.8 **Council on Developmental Disabilities.**  
 5.9 \$222,000 each year is for the Council on  
 5.10 Developmental Disabilities.

5.11 **State Agency Accommodation**  
 5.12 **Reimbursement.** \$200,000 each year may be  
 5.13 transferred to the accommodation account  
 5.14 established in Minnesota Statutes, section  
 5.15 16B.4805.

5.16 Subd. 3. **Strategic Management Services** 2,639,000 2,639,000

5.17 Subd. 4. **Fiscal Agent** 17,270,000 17,271,000

5.18 The appropriations under this subdivision are  
 5.19 to the commissioner of administration for the  
 5.20 purposes specified.

5.21 **In Lieu of Rent.** \$12,566,000 the first year  
 5.22 and \$12,567,000 the second year are for space  
 5.23 costs of the legislature and veterans  
 5.24 organizations, ceremonial space, and  
 5.25 statutorily free space.

5.26 **Public Television.** (a) \$1,550,000 each year  
 5.27 is for matching grants for public television.

5.28 (b) \$250,000 each year is for public television  
 5.29 equipment grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 5.30 section 129D.13.

5.31 (c) \$500,000 each year is for block grants to  
 5.32 public television under Minnesota Statutes,  
 5.33 section 129D.13. Of this amount, up to three

6.1 percent is for the commissioner of  
6.2 administration to administer the grants.

6.3 (d) The commissioner of administration must  
6.4 consider the recommendations of the  
6.5 Minnesota Public Television Association  
6.6 before allocating the amounts appropriated in  
6.7 paragraphs (a) and (b) for equipment or  
6.8 matching grants.

6.9 **Public Radio.** (a) \$1,242,000 each year is for  
6.10 community service grants to public  
6.11 educational radio stations. This appropriation  
6.12 may be used to disseminate emergency  
6.13 information in foreign languages. Any  
6.14 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
6.15 end of the first year and is available for the  
6.16 second year. The Association of Minnesota  
6.17 Public Educational Radio Stations may use up  
6.18 to four percent of this appropriation to help  
6.19 the organization and its member stations to  
6.20 better serve Minnesota's communities.

6.21 (b) \$142,000 each year is for equipment grants  
6.22 to public educational radio stations. This  
6.23 appropriation may be used for the repair,  
6.24 rental, purchase, and upgrade of equipment  
6.25 and software, including computer software,  
6.26 applications, firmware, and equipment under  
6.27 \$500.

6.28 (c) \$1,020,000 each year is for equipment  
6.29 grants to Minnesota Public Radio, Inc.,  
6.30 including upgrades to Minnesota's Emergency  
6.31 Alert and AMBER Alert Systems.

6.32 (d) The appropriations in paragraphs (a) to (c)  
6.33 may not be used for indirect costs claimed by  
6.34 an institution or governing body.

7.1 (e) The commissioner of administration must  
7.2 consider the recommendations of the  
7.3 Association of Minnesota Public Educational  
7.4 Radio Stations before awarding grants under  
7.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.14, using  
7.6 the appropriations in paragraphs (a) to (c). No  
7.7 grantee is eligible for a grant unless they are  
7.8 a member of the Association of Minnesota  
7.9 Public Educational Radio Stations on or before  
7.10 July 1, 2023.

7.11 (f) Any unencumbered balance remaining the  
7.12 first year for grants to public television or  
7.13 public radio stations does not cancel and is  
7.14 available for the second year.

7.15	<b><u>Sec. 11. CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL</u></b>			
7.16	<b><u>AND PLANNING BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>464,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>
				<b><u>472,000</u></b>

7.17	<b><u>Sec. 12. MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND</u></b>			
7.18	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>52,181,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>
				<b><u>52,181,000</u></b>

7.19 The general fund base for this appropriation  
7.20 is \$52,206,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each  
7.21 fiscal year thereafter.

7.22 **Sec. 13. REVENUE**

7.23	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>216,916,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>
				<b><u>213,918,000</u></b>

7.24	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
7.25		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
7.26	<u>General</u>	<u>212,656,000</u>	<u>209,658,000</u>
7.27	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>
7.28	<u>Highway User Tax</u>		
7.29	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>
7.30	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>

7.31 The general fund base for this appropriation  
7.32 is \$209,657,000 in fiscal year 2028 and  
7.33 \$209,558,000 in fiscal year 2029.

7.34	<b><u>Subd. 2. Tax System Management</u></b>	<b><u>181,937,000</u></b>	<b><u>179,013,000</u></b>
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8.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
8.2	<u>General</u>	<u>177,677,000</u>	<u>174,753,000</u>
8.3	<u>Health Care Access</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>	<u>1,760,000</u>
8.4	<u>Highway User Tax</u>		
8.5	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>	<u>2,195,000</u>
8.6	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>
8.7	<u><b>Taxpayer Assistance and Tax Credit</b></u>		
8.8	<u><b>Outreach Grants.</b> (a) \$1,750,000 each year</u>		
8.9	<u>is for taxpayer assistance grants under</u>		
8.10	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.21,</u>		
8.11	<u>subdivision 3. The unencumbered balance in</u>		
8.12	<u>the first year does not cancel but is available</u>		
8.13	<u>for the second year.</u>		
8.14	<u>(b) \$1,000,000 each year is for tax credit</u>		
8.15	<u>outreach grants under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
8.16	<u>section 270C.21, subdivision 4.</u>		
8.17	<u>Subd. 3. <b>Debt Collection Management</b></u>	<u>34,979,000</u>	<u>34,905,000</u>
8.18	<u>Sec. 14. <b>GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD</b></u>	<u>\$ 6,334,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,334,000</u>
8.19	<u>These appropriations are from the lawful</u>		
8.20	<u>gambling regulation account in the special</u>		
8.21	<u>revenue fund.</u>		
8.22	<u>Sec. 15. <b>RACING COMMISSION</b></u>	<u>\$ 954,000</u>	<u>\$ 954,000</u>
8.23	<u>These appropriations are from the racing and</u>		
8.24	<u>card playing regulation accounts in the special</u>		
8.25	<u>revenue fund.</u>		
8.26	<u>Sec. 16. <b>STATE LOTTERY</b></u>		
8.27	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
8.28	<u>349A.10, subdivision 3, the State Lottery's</u>		
8.29	<u>operating budget must not exceed \$45,000,000</u>		
8.30	<u>in fiscal year 2026 and \$45,000,000 in fiscal</u>		
8.31	<u>year 2027.</u>		
8.32	<u>Sec. 17. <b>AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION</b></u>	<u>\$ 401,000</u>	<u>\$ 411,000</u>
8.33	<u>Sec. 18. <b>COUNCIL FOR MINNESOTANS OF</b></u>		
8.34	<u><b>AFRICAN HERITAGE</b></u>	<u>\$ 828,000</u>	<u>\$ 840,000</u>



9.1	Sec. 19. <b><u>COUNCIL ON LATINO AFFAIRS</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>693,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>705,000</u></b>
9.2	Sec. 20. <b><u>COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC</u></b>				
9.3	<b><u>MINNESOTANS</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>655,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>665,000</u></b>
9.4	Sec. 21. <b><u>INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>1,381,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>1,402,000</u></b>
9.5	Sec. 22. <b><u>COUNCIL ON LGBTQIA2S+</u></b>				
9.6	<b><u>MINNESOTANS</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>607,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>615,000</u></b>
9.7	Sec. 23. <b><u>MINNESOTA HISTORICAL</u></b>				
9.8	<b><u>SOCIETY</u></b>				
9.9	Subdivision 1. <b><u>Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>26,813,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>27,126,000</u></b>
9.10	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>				
9.11	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>				
9.12	<u>subdivisions.</u>				
9.13	Subd. 2. <b><u>Operations and Programs</u></b>		<b><u>26,442,000</u></b>		<b><u>26,755,000</u></b>
9.14	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>				
9.15	<u>138.668, the Minnesota Historical Society may</u>				
9.16	<u>not charge a fee for its general tours at the</u>				
9.17	<u>Capitol, but may charge fees for special</u>				
9.18	<u>programs other than general tours.</u>				
9.19	Subd. 3. <b><u>Fiscal Agent</u></b>		<b><u>371,000</u></b>		<b><u>371,000</u></b>
9.20	<b><u>(a) Global Minnesota</u></b>		<b><u>39,000</u></b>		<b><u>39,000</u></b>
9.21	<b><u>(b) Minnesota Air National Guard Museum</u></b>		<b><u>17,000</u></b>		<b><u>17,000</u></b>
9.22	<b><u>(c) Hockey Hall of Fame</u></b>		<b><u>100,000</u></b>		<b><u>100,000</u></b>
9.23	<b><u>(d) Farmamerica</u></b>		<b><u>165,000</u></b>		<b><u>165,000</u></b>
9.24	<b><u>(e) Minnesota Military Museum</u></b>		<b><u>50,000</u></b>		<b><u>50,000</u></b>
9.25	<u>Any unencumbered balance remaining in this</u>				
9.26	<u>subdivision the first year does not cancel but</u>				
9.27	<u>is available for the second year of the</u>				
9.28	<u>biennium.</u>				
9.29	Sec. 24. <b><u>BOARD OF THE ARTS</u></b>				
9.30	Subdivision 1. <b><u>Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>7,798,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>7,808,000</u></b>

10.1	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>			
10.2	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>			
10.3	<u>subdivisions.</u>			
10.4	<u>Subd. 2. <b>Operations and Services</b></u>		<u>859,000</u>	<u>869,000</u>
10.5	<u>Subd. 3. <b>Grants Program</b></u>		<u>4,800,000</u>	<u>4,800,000</u>
10.6	<u>Subd. 4. <b>Regional Arts Councils</b></u>		<u>2,139,000</u>	<u>2,139,000</u>
10.7	<u>Any unencumbered balance remaining in this</u>			
10.8	<u>section the first year does not cancel, but is</u>			
10.9	<u>available for the second year.</u>			
10.10	<u>Money appropriated in this section and</u>			
10.11	<u>distributed as grants may only be spent on</u>			
10.12	<u>projects located in Minnesota. A recipient of</u>			
10.13	<u>a grant funded by an appropriation in this</u>			
10.14	<u>section must not use more than ten percent of</u>			
10.15	<u>the total grant for costs related to travel outside</u>			
10.16	<u>the state of Minnesota.</u>			
10.17	<u>Sec. 25. <b>MINNESOTA HUMANITIES</b></u>			
10.18	<u><b>CENTER</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>970,000</u>	<u>\$ 970,000</u>
10.19	<u>\$500,000 each year is for Healthy Eating, Here</u>			
10.20	<u>at Home grants under Minnesota Statutes,</u>			
10.21	<u>section 138.912. No more than three percent</u>			
10.22	<u>of the appropriation may be used for the</u>			
10.23	<u>nonprofit administration of the program.</u>			
10.24	<u>Sec. 26. <b>BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>873,000</u>	<u>\$ 887,000</u>
10.25	<u>Sec. 27. <b>BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE,</b></u>			
10.26	<u><b>ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING,</b></u>			
10.27	<u><b>LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE,</b></u>			
10.28	<u><b>GEOSCIENCE, AND INTERIOR DESIGN</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>928,000</u>	<u>\$ 943,000</u>
10.29	<u>Sec. 28. <b>BOARD OF COSMETOLOGIST</b></u>			
10.30	<u><b>EXAMINERS</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>3,654,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,711,000</u>
10.31	<u>Sec. 29. <b>BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>459,000</u>	<u>\$ 466,000</u>
10.32	<u>Sec. 30. <b>CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND</b></u>			
10.33	<u><b>FAMILIES.</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

11.1 \$55,000 the first year is to integrate the transit  
11.2 assistance program into the MNbenefits web  
11.3 portal under article 2, section 20.

11.4 **Sec. 31. GENERAL CONTINGENT**  
11.5 **ACCOUNTS** \$ 2,000,000 \$ 500,000

11.6	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
11.7		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
11.8	<u>General</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
11.9	<u>State Government</u>		
11.10	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
11.11	<u>Workers'</u>		
11.12	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

11.13 (a) The general fund base for this  
11.14 appropriation is \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2028  
11.15 and each even-numbered fiscal year thereafter.  
11.16 The base is \$0 for fiscal year 2029 and each  
11.17 odd-numbered fiscal year thereafter.

11.18 (b) The appropriations in this section may only  
11.19 be spent with the approval of the governor  
11.20 after consultation with the Legislative  
11.21 Advisory Commission pursuant to Minnesota  
11.22 Statutes, section 3.30.

11.23 (c) If an appropriation in this section for either  
11.24 year is insufficient, the appropriation for the  
11.25 other year is available for it.

11.26 **Sec. 32. TORT CLAIMS** \$ 161,000 \$ 161,000

11.27 These appropriations are to be spent by the  
11.28 commissioner of management and budget  
11.29 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
11.30 3.736, subdivision 7. If an appropriation in  
11.31 this section for either year is insufficient, the  
11.32 appropriation for the other year is available  
11.33 for it.

11.34 **Sec. 33. MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT**  
11.35 **SYSTEM**

12.1	<u>Subdivision 1. <b>Total Appropriation</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u><b>15,064,000</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u><b>15,154,000</b></u>
12.2	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>				
12.3	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>				
12.4	<u>subdivisions.</u>				
12.5	<u>Subd. 2. <b>Combined Legislators and</b></u>				
12.6	<u><b>Constitutional Officers Retirement Plan</b></u>		<u>9,064,000</u>		<u>9,154,000</u>
12.7	<u>Under Minnesota Statutes, sections 3A.03,</u>				
12.8	<u>subdivision 2; 3A.04, subdivisions 3 and 4;</u>				
12.9	<u>and 3A.115.</u>				
12.10	<u>Subd. 3. <b>Judges Retirement Plan</b></u>		<u>6,000,000</u>		<u>6,000,000</u>
12.11	<u>The appropriations for this subdivision are for</u>				
12.12	<u>transfer to the judges retirement fund under</u>				
12.13	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 490.123. This</u>				
12.14	<u>transfer continues each fiscal year until the</u>				
12.15	<u>judges retirement plan reaches 100 percent</u>				
12.16	<u>funding as determined by an actuarial</u>				
12.17	<u>valuation prepared according to Minnesota</u>				
12.18	<u>Statutes, section 356.214.</u>				
12.19	<u>Sec. 34. <b>PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT</b></u>				
12.20	<u><b>ASSOCIATION</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u><b>25,000,000</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u><b>25,000,000</b></u>
12.21	<u>(a) \$9,000,000 each year is for direct state aid</u>				
12.22	<u>to the public employees police and fire</u>				
12.23	<u>retirement plan authorized under Minnesota</u>				
12.24	<u>Statutes, section 353.65, subdivision 3b.</u>				
12.25	<u>(b) State payments from the general fund to</u>				
12.26	<u>the Public Employees Retirement Association</u>				
12.27	<u>on behalf of the former MERF division</u>				
12.28	<u>account are \$16,000,000 on September 15,</u>				
12.29	<u>2026, and \$16,000,000 on September 15,</u>				
12.30	<u>2027. These amounts are estimated to be</u>				
12.31	<u>needed under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>				
12.32	<u>353.505.</u>				
12.33	<u>Sec. 35. <b>TEACHERS RETIREMENT</b></u>				
12.34	<u><b>ASSOCIATION</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u><b>29,831,000</b></u>	<u>\$</u>	<u><b>29,831,000</b></u>

- 13.1

The amounts estimated to be needed are as
- 13.2

follows.
- 13.3

**Special Direct State Aid.** \$27,331,000 each
- 13.4

year is for special direct state aid authorized
- 13.5

under Minnesota Statutes, section 354.436.
- 13.6

**Special Direct State Matching Aid.**
- 13.7

\$2,500,000 each year is for special direct state
- 13.8

matching aid authorized under Minnesota
- 13.9

Statutes, section 354.435.
- 13.10

Sec. 36. **ST. PAUL TEACHERS RETIREMENT**
- 13.11

**FUND** \$ 14,827,000 \$ 14,827,000
- 13.12

The amounts estimated to be needed for
- 13.13

special direct state aid to the first class city
- 13.14

teachers retirement fund association authorized
- 13.15

under Minnesota Statutes, section 354A.12,
- 13.16

subdivisions 3a and 3c.
- 13.17

Sec. 37. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 1, section 11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 13.18

Subd. 2. **Government and Citizen Services** 39,928,000 19,943,000
- 13.19

The base for this appropriation is \$17,268,000
- 13.20

in fiscal year 2026 and \$17,280,000 in fiscal
- 13.21

year 2027.
- 13.22

**Council on Developmental Disabilities.**
- 13.23

\$222,000 each year is for the Council on
- 13.24

Developmental Disabilities.
- 13.25

**State Agency Accommodation**
- 13.26

**Reimbursement.** \$200,000 each year may be
- 13.27

transferred to the accommodation account
- 13.28

established in Minnesota Statutes, section
- 13.29

16B.4805.
- 13.30

**Disparity Study.** \$500,000 the first year and
- 13.31

\$1,000,000 the second year are to conduct a
- 13.32

study on disparities in state procurement. This
- 13.33

is a onetime appropriation.

14.1 **Grants Administration Oversight.**

14.2 \$2,411,000 the first year and \$1,782,000 the  
14.3 second year are for grants administration  
14.4 oversight. The base for this appropriation in  
14.5 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter is  
14.6 \$1,581,000.

14.7 \$735,000 the first year and \$201,000 the  
14.8 second year are for a study to develop a road  
14.9 map on the need for an enterprise grants  
14.10 management system and to implement the  
14.11 study's recommendation. This is a onetime  
14.12 appropriation.

14.13 **Risk Management Fund Property**

14.14 **Self-Insurance.** \$12,500,000 the first year is  
14.15 for transfer to the risk management fund under  
14.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.85. This is a  
14.17 onetime appropriation.

14.18 **Office of Enterprise Translations.**

14.19 \$1,306,000 the first year and \$1,159,000 the  
14.20 second year are to establish the Office of  
14.21 Enterprise Translations. \$250,000 each year  
14.22 may be transferred to the language access  
14.23 service account established in Minnesota  
14.24 Statutes, section 16B.373.

14.25 **Capitol Mall Design Framework**

14.26 **Implementation.** \$5,000,000 the first year is  
14.27 to implement the updated Capitol Mall Design  
14.28 Framework, prioritizing the framework plans  
14.29 identified in article 2, section 124. This  
14.30 appropriation is available until ~~December 31,~~  
14.31 2024 June 30, 2026.

14.32 **Parking Fund.** \$3,255,000 the first year and  
14.33 \$1,085,000 the second year are for a transfer  
14.34 to the state parking account to maintain the

15.1 operations of the parking and transit program  
15.2 on the Capitol complex. These are onetime  
15.3 transfers.

15.4 **Procurement; Environmental Analysis and**  
15.5 **Task Force.** \$522,000 the first year and  
15.6 \$367,000 the second year are to implement  
15.7 the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section  
15.8 16B.312.

15.9 **Center for Rural Policy and Development.**  
15.10 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
15.11 **Center for Rural Policy and Development.**

15.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2024.

15.13 Sec. 38. Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 1, section 47, is amended to read:

15.14      **Sec. 47. ST. ANTHONY FALLS STUDY.**

15.15 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of  
15.16 Regents of the University of Minnesota for a geophysical study and hazard assessment of  
15.17 the St. Anthony Falls area and St. Anthony Falls cutoff wall. The study must include a  
15.18 field-based investigation of the cutoff wall and other subsurface structures, modeling of the  
15.19 surrounding area, examination of public safety and infrastructure risks posed by potential  
15.20 failure of the cutoff wall or surrounding area, and emergency response plan for identified  
15.21 risks. By conducting this study, the Board of Regents does not consent to accepting liability  
15.22 for the current condition or risks posed by a potential failure of the cutoff wall. By July 1,  
15.23 ~~2025~~ 2026, the Board of Regents must submit a report to the legislative committees with  
15.24 jurisdiction over state and local government policy and finance. This appropriation is  
15.25 available until June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

15.27 Sec. 39. Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 67, section 6, is amended to read:

15.28 **Sec. 6. COMMISSIONER OF MANAGEMENT**  
15.29 **AND BUDGET**

15.30 Appropriations by Fund

15.31	2024	2025
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16.1 General -0- (232,000)  
16.2 Health Care Access -0- 100,000

16.3 (a) **Insulin safety net program.** \$100,000 in  
16.4 fiscal year 2025 is from the health care access  
16.5 fund for the insulin safety net program in  
16.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74.

16.7 (b) **Transfer.** The commissioner must transfer  
16.8 from the health care access fund to the insulin  
16.9 ~~safety net program~~ repayment account in the  
16.10 special revenue fund the amount certified by  
16.11 the commissioner of administration under  
16.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 151.741,  
16.13 subdivision 5, paragraph (b), estimated to be  
16.14 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025, for  
16.15 reimbursement to manufacturers for insulin  
16.16 dispensed under the insulin safety net program  
16.17 in Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74. The  
16.18 base for this transfer is estimated to be  
16.19 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$100,000 in  
16.20 fiscal year 2027.

16.21 (c) **Base Level Adjustment.** The health care  
16.22 access fund base is increased by \$100,000 in  
16.23 fiscal year 2026 and increased by \$100,000 in  
16.24 fiscal year 2027.

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

16.26 **ARTICLE 2**

16.27 **STATE GOVERNMENT STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

16.28 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 3.099, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

16.29 Subd. 3. **Leaders.** The senate Committee on Rules and Administration for the senate  
16.30 and the house of representatives Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration for  
16.31 the house of representatives may each designate for their respective body up to ~~five~~ six  
16.32 leadership positions to receive up to 140 percent of the compensation of other members.



17.1 At the commencement of each biennial legislative session, each house of the legislature  
17.2 shall adopt a resolution designating its majority and minority leader.

17.3 The majority leader is the person elected by the caucus of members in each house which  
17.4 is its largest political affiliation. The minority leader is the person elected by the caucus  
17.5 which is its second largest political affiliation.

17.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from January 14, 2025.

17.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 3.971, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
17.8 read:

17.9 **Subd. 10. Implementation of audit recommendations.** (a) By February 1 each year,  
17.10 as resources permit, the legislative auditor must submit a report to the chairs and ranking  
17.11 minority members of the legislative committees with fiscal jurisdiction over an entity subject  
17.12 to audit under this section. The report must detail whether the entity has implemented any  
17.13 recommendations identified by the legislative auditor during the prior five years in a financial  
17.14 audit, program evaluation, or special review.

17.15 (b) By July 1 each year, as resources permit, the legislative auditor must submit a report  
17.16 to designated legislators listing the standing committees in the senate and the house of  
17.17 representatives to which the legislative auditor did or did not present their reports under  
17.18 paragraph (a) in a public hearing. For purposes of this paragraph, "designated legislators"  
17.19 means the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate Committees on State  
17.20 Government Policy and Finance, Rules and Administration, and Finance, and the house of  
17.21 representatives Committees on State Government Finance and Policy, Rules and Legislative  
17.22 Administration, and Ways and Means.

17.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 3.98, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

17.24 Subdivision 1. **Preparation; duties.** (a) The head or chief administrative officer of each  
17.25 department or agency of the state government, including the supreme court, shall prepare  
17.26 a fiscal note consistent with the standards and procedures adopted under section 3.8853, at  
17.27 the request of the chair or ranking minority member of the standing committee to which a  
17.28 bill has been referred, ~~or~~ the chair or ranking minority member of the house of representatives  
17.29 Ways and Means Committee, or the chair or ranking minority member of the senate  
17.30 Committee on Finance.

18.1 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "supreme court" includes all agencies, committees,  
18.2 and commissions supervised or appointed by the state supreme court or the state court  
18.3 administrator.

18.4 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 3.98, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

18.5 Subd. 3. **Distribution.** A copy of the fiscal note shall be delivered to the chair or ranking  
18.6 minority member of the Ways and Means Committee of the house of representatives, the  
18.7 chair or ranking minority member of the Finance Committee of the senate, the chair and  
18.8 ranking minority member of the standing committee to which the bill has been referred, ~~to~~  
18.9 the chief author of the bill, and to the commissioner of management and budget.

18.10 Sec. 5. **[4.048] HEALTHY AGING SUBCABINET.**

18.11 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Healthy Aging Subcabinet is established in Minnesota  
18.12 Management and Budget. The subcabinet is a distinct entity, separately identifiable from  
18.13 other state agencies and is dedicated to ensuring all people in Minnesota age with dignity  
18.14 and have equitable opportunities for the best possible health and well-being throughout the  
18.15 lifespan.

18.16 Subd. 2. **Membership; chair.** The subcabinet consists of the heads of the state agencies  
18.17 that administer policies that impact aging Minnesotans, as determined by the governor in  
18.18 consultation with the director appointed under subdivision 5. The director is the chair of  
18.19 the subcabinet.

18.20 Subd. 3. **Purpose.** The purpose of the subcabinet is to:

18.21 (1) assist in the design of a statewide planning process for a Minnesota Healthy Aging  
18.22 Plan under subdivision 10;

18.23 (2) engage public participation in creating policy solutions for identified challenges and  
18.24 opportunities related to aging in communities and living in one's own home;

18.25 (3) identify opportunities within state government to improve quality of life for older  
18.26 adults and promote healthy aging for all Minnesotans; and

18.27 (4) serve as a resource to the legislature on policies and practices that will enhance the  
18.28 aging experience for all Minnesotans.

18.29 Subd. 4. **Duties.** Led by the director, and in consultation with the Citizens' Engagement  
18.30 Council appointed under subdivision 6, the subcabinet must perform the following duties:

- 19.1 (1) integrate aging-related considerations into state agency planning, decision-making,  
19.2 and measurable outcomes for service delivery processes;
- 19.3 (2) promote the adoption of evidence-based approaches and policies that support healthy  
19.4 aging across the public and private sectors;
- 19.5 (3) ensure that member agencies conduct community engagement to inform strategic  
19.6 plans for each agency;
- 19.7 (4) identify federal and state funding for programs that address the negative impact of  
19.8 social determinants of health and well-being for Minnesotans and those that would  
19.9 significantly benefit from community strategies that prevent or delay disability and that  
19.10 enable quality-of-life outcomes throughout the lifespan;
- 19.11 (5) identify areas of potential savings through economic and community development  
19.12 and resource planning for an aging demographic;
- 19.13 (6) evaluate the impact on healthy aging of current aging-related initiatives in public  
19.14 and private sectors including housing, transit and workforce programs designed for older  
19.15 adults, and community health efforts in order to inform the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan;
- 19.16 (7) coordinate with local and state agencies and Tribal Nations to analyze the health  
19.17 care delivery system for oral health, chronic and acute health conditions, and palliative and  
19.18 end-of-life care to identify and address access issues throughout Minnesota;
- 19.19 (8) in consultation with Tribal Nations, analyze the extent of family caregiving in private  
19.20 and public sectors to determine the need for greater support through aging policies initiated  
19.21 in the public and private sectors;
- 19.22 (9) in consultation with the ombudsman for long-term care, evaluate the oversight process  
19.23 of long-term care facilities, assisted living residences, and home-care agencies to ensure  
19.24 public safety and accountability;
- 19.25 (10) develop a transparency policy that tracks the use of government funding for  
19.26 long-term care to ensure state funding is used as intended;
- 19.27 (11) monitor and evaluate strategies and findings for progress reports during the planning  
19.28 process to be posted on the subcabinet's website; and
- 19.29 (12) in consultation with the ombudsman for long-term care, evaluate the need for  
19.30 additional long-term care services and training and recruitment of long-term care providers  
19.31 throughout the state.

20.1 Subd. 5. **Director; Office of Healthy Aging; staffing; duties.** (a) The governor must  
20.2 appoint a director to establish and lead an Office of Healthy Aging and serve as chair of the  
20.3 Healthy Aging Subcabinet. The director must possess a background in public health, public  
20.4 policy, and community engagement and possess demonstrated knowledge of older adult  
20.5 abilities and needed supports when living at home or in the person's community. The director  
20.6 may have experience working with an aging population. The director's responsibilities at a  
20.7 minimum are to:

20.8 (1) lead and coordinate the duties of the Healthy Aging Subcabinet;

20.9 (2) initiate and conduct a planning process to develop and adopt the Minnesota Healthy  
20.10 Aging Plan under subdivision 10;

20.11 (3) appoint members of, and provide support to, the Citizens' Engagement Council under  
20.12 subdivision 6;

20.13 (4) ensure community discussions across public and private sectors and with Tribal  
20.14 governments and the Indian Affairs Council to inform policy recommendations for the  
20.15 Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan under subdivision 10;

20.16 (5) ensure that the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan under subdivision 10 reflects the  
20.17 perspectives of older adults, caregivers, health care and service providers, and advocacy  
20.18 organizations regarding the community development required to support older adults living  
20.19 at home and aging in the community;

20.20 (6) explore initiatives that enhance opportunities for an aging adult, regardless of age,  
20.21 income, or ability level, to live in the adult's own home and community if desired and safe;

20.22 (7) make efforts to break down silos and work across agencies to better target the state's  
20.23 role in addressing issues impacting aging in Minnesota communities; and

20.24 (8) establish and manage external partnerships and build relationships with communities,  
20.25 community leaders, and those who have direct experience with aging to ensure that all  
20.26 voices are represented in the work of the subcabinet, office, and Citizens' Engagement  
20.27 Council.

20.28 (b) The director may secure professional development and training opportunities to  
20.29 promote community development initiatives that address aging-related issues and support  
20.30 the Healthy Aging Subcabinet.

20.31 (c) The director may hire and compensate out of available funds additional staff as  
20.32 necessary to support the office and conduct the planning process. Staff members must  
20.33 possess relevant expertise and experience in areas such as aging services, policy analysis,

21.1 community health, and community development and engagement. The director serves in  
21.2 the unclassified service.

21.3 Subd. 6. **Citizens' Engagement Council; public engagement.** (a) The director must  
21.4 appoint a Citizens' Engagement Council composed of 20 diverse members from different  
21.5 geographic regions and demographic groups, including older adults, caregivers, elder  
21.6 advocates, the Minnesota area agencies on aging, Tribal Nations, county agencies, nonprofit  
21.7 services, and business sectors. At least ten members of the council must be older adults,  
21.8 caregivers, or elder advocates, and these members may not otherwise represent a specific  
21.9 agency, service, or business sector. The purpose of the council is to:

21.10 (1) ensure the voices and perspectives of older adults are included in the recommended  
21.11 initiatives and policies for implementing the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan under subdivision  
21.12 10;

21.13 (2) provide feedback to the subcabinet on current aging-related programs and services,  
21.14 identifying areas for improvements and innovations; and

21.15 (3) provide ongoing input, advice, and strategies for the planning process to engage  
21.16 older Minnesotans and their families.

21.17 (b) Except where otherwise provided in this section, the terms, compensation, and  
21.18 removal of council members is governed by section 15.059. A member participating in  
21.19 council activities in the ordinary course of the member's employment is not entitled to  
21.20 compensation from the council.

21.21 Subd. 7. **Discretionary powers.** The office may apply for and receive grants from public  
21.22 sources and private foundations, award grants, and enter into contracts subject to applicable  
21.23 law.

21.24 Subd. 8. **Staff and administrative support.** The commissioner of management and  
21.25 budget, in coordination with other state agencies and boards as applicable, must provide  
21.26 staffing and administrative support to the Healthy Aging Subcabinet, the Office of Healthy  
21.27 Aging, and the Citizens' Engagement Council.

21.28 Subd. 9. **Public awareness.** In order to promote public engagement, the Office of Healthy  
21.29 Aging shall maintain a website and publish annual reports about the work of the office. The  
21.30 office shall also share on its website ideas for how Minnesotans can become involved with  
21.31 and informed on aging issues. By use of this medium, the office shall gather ideas from the  
21.32 public on needed programs for healthy aging in the community.

22.1 Subd. 10. **The Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan.** The Office of Healthy Aging must  
22.2 adopt a plan entitled the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan. A draft plan must be published no  
22.3 later than June 30, 2027, and a final plan must be adopted and published no later than January  
22.4 15, 2028. The Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan shall include recommendations from the  
22.5 Citizens' Engagement Council and subcabinet members that support the health and well-being  
22.6 of older Minnesotans, their contributions, and their health care needs as follows:

22.7 (1) community-based initiatives that support living in one's own home and community  
22.8 if desired, regardless of age, income, or ability level, and as safely, independently, and  
22.9 comfortably as possible;

22.10 (2) community-based initiatives with public and private sector funding that provide older  
22.11 adults the choice to remain in and contribute to their communities with needed supports  
22.12 including access to health care and food, independent housing options, opportunities to  
22.13 socialize, innovative residential options for long-term care, and safe and affordable  
22.14 transportation;

22.15 (3) public policies that recommend systemwide improvements for safe and affordable  
22.16 housing options and transportation, innovative market-rate housing options, removal of  
22.17 employment barriers and increased opportunities for an aging workforce, outdoor recreational  
22.18 opportunities, broadband communications, and health care that includes mental health and  
22.19 oral health;

22.20 (4) public policies that address the current and future demand for home care, assisted  
22.21 living and skilled nursing facilities, and innovations for community-based long-term care  
22.22 services; workforce training, recruitment, and employment opportunities throughout  
22.23 Minnesota; and professional education opportunities for long-term care providers;

22.24 (5) public and private sector resource management policies that implement community  
22.25 health strategies to address social determinants of health and well-being;

22.26 (6) state agencies' strategic plans that drive innovations for healthy aging in communities  
22.27 across the lifespan;

22.28 (7) ongoing aging policy coordination and oversight within state and county agencies  
22.29 and in coordination with Tribal Nations, local communities, and the private sector;

22.30 (8) measures to ensure ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the impact of healthy aging  
22.31 policies and programs in order to make improvements and recommend further innovations;

22.32 (9) recommendations for full implementation of the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan that  
22.33 includes administration, staffing, and appropriations; and

23.1 (10) measures to evaluate the success and impact of the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan.

23.2 Subd. 11. **Annual report.** By January 15 of each year, the office must submit a report  
23.3 to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
23.4 with primary jurisdiction over healthy aging policy and funding detailing the activities of  
23.5 the office for the preceding year with legislative recommendations for the coming year.

23.6 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 8.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

23.7 Subdivision 1. **Authority.** (a) The attorney general, or any deputy, assistant, or special  
23.8 assistant attorney general whom the attorney general authorizes in writing, has the authority  
23.9 in any county of the state to subpoena and require the production of:

23.10 (1) any records of:

23.11 (i) telephone companies, cellular phone companies, and paging companies;

23.12 (ii) subscribers of private computer networks, including Internet service providers or  
23.13 computer bulletin board systems;

23.14 (iii) electric companies, gas companies, and water utilities;

23.15 (iv) chemical suppliers;

23.16 (v) hotels and motels;

23.17 (vi) pawn shops;

23.18 (vii) airlines, buses, taxis, and other entities engaged in the business of transporting  
23.19 people; and

23.20 (viii) freight companies, self-service storage facilities, warehousing companies, package  
23.21 delivery companies, and other entities engaged in the businesses of transport, storage, or  
23.22 delivery; and;

23.23 (2) wage and employment records;

23.24 (3) records of the existence of safe deposit box account numbers and customer savings  
23.25 and checking account numbers maintained by financial institutions and safe deposit  
23.26 companies;

23.27 (4) insurance records related to claim settlement; and

23.28 (5) banking, credit card, and financial records, including but not limited to a safe deposit,  
23.29 loan and account application and agreement, signature card, statement, check, transfer,  
23.30 account authorization, safe deposit access record, and documentation of fraud, that belong

24.1 to the subject of an investigation conducted pursuant to the attorney general's authority  
24.2 under section 256B.12, whether the record is held in the investigation subject's name or in  
24.3 another person's name.

24.4 (b) Subpoenas may only be issued for records that are relevant to an ongoing legitimate  
24.5 law enforcement investigation.

24.6 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 11A.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

24.7 Subd. 4. **Duties and powers.** The director, at the direction of the state board, shall:

24.8 (1) plan, direct, coordinate, and execute administrative and investment functions in  
24.9 conformity with the policies and directives of the state board and the requirements of this  
24.10 chapter and of chapter 356A;

24.11 (2) prepare and submit biennial and annual budgets to the board and with the approval  
24.12 of the board submit the budgets to the Department of Management and Budget;

24.13 (3) employ professional and clerical staff as necessary;

24.14 (4) report to the state board on all operations under the director's control and supervision;

24.15 (5) maintain accurate and complete records of securities transactions and official  
24.16 activities;

24.17 (6) establish a policy, which is subject to state board approval, relating to the purchase  
24.18 and sale of securities on the basis of competitive offerings or bids;

24.19 (7) cause securities acquired to be kept in the custody of the commissioner of management  
24.20 and budget or other depositories consistent with chapter 356A, as the state board deems  
24.21 appropriate;

24.22 (8) prepare and file with the director of the Legislative Reference Library, ~~by December~~  
24.23 ~~31 of each year,~~ a report summarizing the activities of the state board, the council, and the  
24.24 director during the preceding fiscal year;

24.25 (9) include on the state board's website its annual report and an executive summary of  
24.26 its quarterly reports;

24.27 (10) require state officials from any department or agency to produce and provide access  
24.28 to any financial documents the state board deems necessary in the conduct of its investment  
24.29 activities;

24.30 (11) receive and expend legislative appropriations; and



25.1 (12) undertake any other activities necessary to implement the duties and powers set  
25.2 forth in this subdivision consistent with chapter 356A.

25.3 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 11A.07, subdivision 4b, is amended to read:

25.4 Subd. 4b. **Annual report.** The report required under subdivision 4, clause (8), must  
25.5 include an executive summary, must be prepared and filed after the completion of the  
25.6 applicable fiscal year audit but no later than March 31 of each year, and must be prepared  
25.7 so as to provide the legislature and the people of the state with:

25.8 (1) a clear, comprehensive summary of the portfolio composition, the transactions, the  
25.9 total annual rate of return, and the yield to the state treasury and to each of the funds with  
25.10 assets invested by the state board; and

25.11 (2) the recipients of business placed or commissions allocated among the various  
25.12 commercial banks, investment bankers, money managers, and brokerage organizations and  
25.13 the amount of these commissions or other fees.

25.14 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16A.057, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

25.15 Subd. 5. **Monitoring Office of the Legislative Auditor audits.** (a) The commissioner  
25.16 must review audit reports from the Office of the Legislative Auditor and take appropriate  
25.17 steps to address internal control problems found in executive agencies.

25.18 (b) The commissioner must submit a report to the legislative auditor no later than  
25.19 September 1 of each year detailing the implementation status of all recommendations  
25.20 identified in an auditor's financial audit, program evaluation, or special review during the  
25.21 prior five years. The report must include a specific itemization of recommendations that  
25.22 have not been implemented during that period, along with the basis for that decision.

25.23 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 240.131, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

25.24 Subd. 7. **Payments to state.** (a) A regulatory fee is imposed at the rate of ~~one~~ two percent  
25.25 of all amounts wagered by Minnesota residents with an authorized advance deposit wagering  
25.26 provider. The fee shall be declared on a form prescribed by the commission. The ADW  
25.27 provider must pay the fee to the commission no more than 15 days after the end of the month  
25.28 in which the wager was made. Fees collected under this paragraph must be deposited in the  
25.29 state treasury and credited to a racing and card-playing regulation account in the special  
25.30 revenue fund and are appropriated to the commission to offset the costs incurred by the  
25.31 commission as described in section 240.30, subdivision 9, or the costs associated with  
25.32 regulating horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering in Minnesota.

(b) A breeders fund fee is imposed in the amount of one-quarter of one percent of all amounts wagered by Minnesota residents with an authorized advance deposit wagering provider. The fee shall be declared on a form prescribed by the commission. The ADW provider must pay the fee to the commission no more than 15 days after the end of the month in which the wager was made. Fees collected under this paragraph must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a racing and card-playing regulation account in the special revenue fund and are appropriated to the commission to offset the cost of administering the breeders fund, to support racehorse adoption, retirement, and repurposing, and promote horse breeding in Minnesota.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.12, is amended to read:

**256B.12 LEGAL REPRESENTATION.**

The attorney general or the appropriate county attorney appearing at the direction of the attorney general shall be the attorney for the state agency, and the county attorney of the appropriate county shall be the attorney for the local agency in all matters pertaining hereto. To prosecute under this chapter or sections ~~609.466~~ and 609.467 and 609.52, subdivision 2, or to recover payments wrongfully made under this chapter, the attorney general or the appropriate county attorney, acting independently or at the direction of the attorney general may institute a criminal or civil action.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326A.03, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Certificate; required education and experience until July 1, 2030.** (a) On or after July 1, 2006, and before July 1, 2030, a person who has passed the examination required in this section must be granted a certificate as a certified public accountant provided: (1) the person certifies to the board that the person has completed at least 150 semester or 225 quarter hours at a college or university that is fully accredited by a recognized accrediting agency listed with the United States Department of Education, or an equivalent accrediting association, and has completed at least one year of experience of the type specified in paragraph (b); (2) the board verifies the certifications; and (3) the person complies with requirements for initial issuance of the certificate as a certified public accountant as prescribed by the board by rule.

(b) An applicant for initial issuance of a certificate under this subdivision shall show that the applicant has had one year of experience. Acceptable experience includes providing any type of service or advice involving the use of accounting, attest, compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax, or consulting skills, as verified by a licensee

27.1 and meeting requirements prescribed by the board by rule. Acceptable experience may be  
27.2 gained through employment in government, industry, academia, or public practice.  
27.3 Experience as an auditor in the Office of the Legislative Auditor or State Auditor, as verified  
27.4 by a licensee, shall be acceptable experience.

27.5 (c) This subdivision expires July 1, 2030.

27.6 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision  
27.7 to read:

27.8 Subd. 6a. **Certificate; required education and experience after June 30, 2030.** (a)

27.9 On and after July 1, 2030, or during the transitional period as provided in subdivision 6b,  
27.10 the board must grant a certificate as a certified public accountant to a person who has not  
27.11 previously been certified and who has passed the examination required in this section if:

27.12 (1) the person certifies to the board that the person has:

27.13 (i) completed a master's degree at a college or university that is fully accredited by a  
27.14 recognized accrediting agency listed with the United States Department of Education and  
27.15 has completed at least one year of acceptable experience as described in paragraph (b); or

27.16 (ii) earned a bachelor's or graduate degree from a college or university that is fully  
27.17 accredited by a recognized accrediting agency listed with the United States Department of  
27.18 Education and has completed at least two years of acceptable experience as described in  
27.19 paragraph (b);

27.20 (2) the board verifies the certification under clause (1); and

27.21 (3) the person complies with requirements as prescribed by the board for an initial  
27.22 certificate.

27.23 (b) Acceptable experience includes providing any type of service or advice that involves  
27.24 accounting, attestation, compilation, management advisement, financial advisement, tax,  
27.25 or consulting, as verified by a licensee and meeting requirements prescribed by the board  
27.26 by rule. Acceptable experience may be gained through employment in government, industry,  
27.27 academia, or public practice. Experience as an auditor in the Office of the Legislative Auditor  
27.28 or the Office of the State Auditor, as verified by a licensee, is acceptable experience.

28.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision  
28.2 to read:

28.3 Subd. 6b. **Transitional period.** (a) Until July 1, 2030, a person must be granted an initial  
28.4 certificate as a certified public accountant if the person meets either:

28.5 (1) all requirements under subdivision 6; or

28.6 (2) all requirements under subdivision 6a.

28.7 (b) This subdivision expires July 1, 2030.

28.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

28.9 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326A.14, is amended to read:

28.10 **326A.14 SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY MOBILITY.**

28.11 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) An individual whose principal place of business is  
28.12 not in this state ~~and who holds a valid license in good standing as a certified public accountant~~  
28.13 ~~from any state which, upon verification, is in substantial equivalence with the certified~~  
28.14 ~~public accountant licensure requirements of section 326A.03, subdivisions 3, 4, and 6, shall~~  
28.15 be presumed to have qualifications substantially equivalent to this state's requirements and  
28.16 shall have all the privileges of licensees of this state without the need to obtain a license;  
28.17 if the person:

28.18 (1) holds a valid certificate, license, or permit to practice as a certified public accountant  
28.19 that was issued in another state and is in good standing to practice as a certified public  
28.20 accountant in that state;

28.21 (2) has a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited postsecondary school with an  
28.22 accounting concentration or equivalent as determined by the board by rule; and

28.23 (3) has passed the Uniform CPA Examination.

28.24 (b) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this chapter, an individual who offers or  
28.25 renders professional services, whether in person, by mail, telephone, or electronic means,  
28.26 under this paragraph (a): (1) shall be granted practice privileges in this state; (2) is subject  
28.27 to the requirements in paragraph (c); and (3) is not required to provide any notice or other  
28.28 submission.

28.29 ~~(b) An individual whose principal place of business is not in this state and who holds a~~  
28.30 ~~valid license in good standing as a certified public accountant from any state whose certified~~  
28.31 ~~public accountant licensure qualifications, upon verification, are not substantially equivalent~~

~~with the licensure requirements of section 326A.03, subdivisions 3, 4, and 6, shall be presumed to have qualifications substantially equivalent to this state's requirements and shall have all the privileges of licensees of this state without the need to obtain a license if the individual obtains verification, as specified in board rule, that the individual's qualifications are substantially equivalent to the licensure requirements of section 326A.03, subdivisions 3, 4, and 6. For purposes of this paragraph, any individual who passed the Uniform CPA Examination and holds a valid license issued by any other state prior to January 1, 2009, is exempt from the education requirement in section 326A.03, subdivision 6, paragraph (a), provided the individual meets the education requirement in section 326A.03, subdivision 3. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this chapter, an individual who offers or renders professional services, whether in person, by mail, telephone, or electronic means, under this paragraph: (1) shall, after the verification specified by adopted rules, be granted practice privileges in this state; (2) is subject to the requirements in paragraph (c); and (3) is not required to provide any notice or other submission.~~

(c) An individual licensee of another state exercising the privilege afforded under this section and the firm which employs that licensee are deemed to have consented, as a condition of the grant of this privilege:

(1) to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the board;

(2) to comply with this chapter and the board's rules;

(3) to the appointment of the state board that issued the license as the licensee's agent upon whom process may be served in any action or proceeding by this board against the licensee; and

(4) to cease offering or rendering professional services in this state individually and on behalf of a firm in the event the license issued by the state of the individual's principal place of business is no longer valid or in good standing.

(d) An individual who has been granted practice privileges under this section who performs attest services as defined in section 326A.01, subdivision 2, clause (1), (4), or (5), for any entity with its headquarters in this state, may only do so through a firm which has obtained a permit under section 326A.05.

**Subd. 2. Use of title in another state.** A licensee of this state offering or rendering services or using the CPA title in another state is subject to the same disciplinary action in this state for which the licensee would be subject to discipline for an act committed in the other state. The board shall investigate any complaint made by the board of accountancy of another state.

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

30.2 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
30.3 to read:

30.4 Subd. 13a. **Responsible lottery official.** "Responsible lottery official" means the officers,  
30.5 directors, or owners of an organization, firm, partnership, or corporation that have oversight  
30.6 of lottery ticket sales.

30.7 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349A.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

30.8 Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** (a) The director may not contract with a retailer who is a sole  
30.9 proprietor who:

30.10 (1) is under the age of 18;

30.11 (2) is in business solely as a seller of lottery tickets;

30.12 (3) owes \$500 or more in delinquent taxes as defined in section 270C.72;

30.13 (4) has been convicted within the previous five years of a felony or gross misdemeanor,  
30.14 any crime involving fraud or misrepresentation, or a gambling-related offense in any  
30.15 jurisdiction in the United States;

30.16 (5) is a member of the immediate family, residing in the same household, as the director  
30.17 or any employee of the lottery;

30.18 (6) in the director's judgment does not have the financial stability or responsibility to  
30.19 act as a lottery retailer, or whose contracting as a lottery retailer would adversely affect the  
30.20 public health, welfare, and safety, or endanger the security and integrity of the lottery; or

30.21 (7) is a currency exchange, as defined in section 53A.01.

30.22 ~~A contract entered into before August 1, 1990, which violates clause (7) may continue~~  
30.23 ~~in effect until its expiration but may not be renewed.~~

30.24 (b) The director may not contract with a retailer that is an organization, firm, partnership,  
30.25 or corporation that:

30.26 (1) has a responsible lottery official who:

30.27 (i) is under the age of 18;

30.28 (ii) owes \$500 or more in delinquent taxes as defined in section 270C.72; or

(iii) has been convicted within the previous five years of a felony or gross misdemeanor, any crime involving fraud or misrepresentation, or a gambling-related offense in any jurisdiction in the United States;

~~An organization, firm, partnership, or corporation that (2)~~ has a stockholder who owns more than five percent of the business or the stock of the corporation, ~~a responsible lottery official, an officer, or a director, that does not meet the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (4), is not eligible to be a lottery retailer under this section~~ is a member of the immediate family, residing in the same household, as the director or any employee of the lottery; or

(3)(i) is in business solely as a seller of lottery tickets;

(ii) in the director's judgment does not have the financial stability or responsibility to act as a lottery retailer, or whose contracting as a lottery retailer would adversely affect the public health, welfare, and safety, or endanger the security and integrity of the lottery; or

(iii) is a currency exchange, as defined in section 53A.01.

~~(e) The restrictions under paragraph (a), clause (4), do not apply to an organization, partnership, or corporation if the director determines that the organization, partnership, or firm has terminated its relationship with the individual whose actions directly contributed to the disqualification under this subdivision.~~

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349A.06, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Criminal history.** ~~The director may request the director of alcohol and gambling enforcement to investigate all applicants for lottery retailer contracts to determine their compliance with the requirements of subdivision 2.~~

(a) Upon the director's request, an applicant for a lottery retailer contract must submit a completed criminal history records check consent form, a full set of classifiable fingerprints, and required fees to the director or the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Upon receipt of the information, the director must submit the completed criminal history records check consent form, full set of classifiable fingerprints, and required fees to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

(b) After receiving the information, the bureau must conduct a Minnesota criminal history records check of the individual. The bureau is authorized to exchange the fingerprints with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to obtain the applicant's national criminal history record information. The bureau must return the results of the Minnesota and national criminal history records checks to the director to determine the individual's compliance with the requirements of subdivision 2.

32.1 (c) The director must request a Minnesota and national criminal history records check  
32.2 for any sole proprietor or responsible lottery official that applies to be a lottery retailer and  
32.3 (1) has not undergone a check under this section within the past seven years, or (2) has had  
32.4 any lapse in a contract to sell lottery tickets.

32.5 (d) The director may issue a temporary contract, valid for not more than 90 days, to an  
32.6 applicant pending the completion of the investigation or a final determination of qualifications  
32.7 under this section. The director has access to all criminal history data compiled by the  
32.8 ~~director of alcohol and gambling enforcement~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension on (1) any  
32.9 person holding or applying for a retailer contract, (2) any person holding a lottery vendor  
32.10 contract or who has submitted a bid on such a contract, and (3) any person applying for  
32.11 employment with the lottery.

32.12 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349A.06, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

32.13 Subd. 11. **Cancellation, suspension, and refusal to renew contracts or locations.** (a)  
32.14 The director shall cancel the contract of any lottery retailer or prohibit a lottery retailer from  
32.15 selling lottery tickets at a business location who:

32.16 (1) has a sole proprietor or responsible lottery official that has been convicted of a felony  
32.17 or gross misdemeanor in any jurisdiction in the United States;

32.18 (2) has a sole proprietor or responsible lottery official that has committed any crime  
32.19 involving fraud, or misrepresentation, or ~~deceit~~ a gambling-related offense in any jurisdiction  
32.20 in the United States;

32.21 (3) has provided false or misleading information to the lottery; or

32.22 (4) has acted in a manner prejudicial to public confidence in the integrity of the lottery.

32.23 (b) The director may cancel, suspend, or refuse to renew the contract of any lottery  
32.24 retailer or prohibit a lottery retailer from selling lottery tickets at a business location who:

32.25 (1) changes business location;

32.26 (2) fails to account for lottery tickets received or the proceeds from tickets sold;

32.27 (3) fails to remit funds to the director in accordance with the director's rules;

32.28 (4) violates a law or a rule or order of the director;

32.29 (5) fails to comply with any of the terms in the lottery retailer's contract;

32.30 (6) fails to file a bond, securities, or a letter of credit as required under subdivision 3;



(7) in the opinion of the director fails to maintain a sufficient sales volume to justify continuation as a lottery retailer; or

(8) has violated section 340A.503, subdivision 2, clause (1), two or more times within a two-year period.

(c) The director may also cancel, suspend, or refuse to renew a lottery retailer's contract or prohibit a lottery retailer from selling lottery tickets at a business location if there is a material change in any of the factors considered by the director under subdivision 2.

(d) A contract cancellation, suspension, refusal to renew, or prohibiting a lottery retailer from selling lottery tickets at a business location under this subdivision is a contested case under sections 14.57 to 14.69 and is in addition to any criminal penalties provided for a violation of law or rule.

(e) The director may temporarily suspend a contract or temporarily prohibit a lottery retailer from selling lottery tickets at a business location without notice for any of the reasons specified in this subdivision provided that a hearing is conducted within seven days after a request for a hearing is made by a lottery retailer. Within 20 days after receiving the administrative law judge's report, the director shall issue an order vacating the temporary suspension or prohibition or making any other appropriate order. If no hearing is requested within 30 days of the temporary suspension or prohibition taking effect, the suspension or prohibition becomes permanent unless the director vacates or modifies the order.

Sec. 20. **[609.467] MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FRAUD.**

Subdivision 1. **Medical assistance fraud prohibited.** A person who intentionally presents, submits, tenders, offers, or participates in the preparation of a claim for payment, claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate application relating to the payment of medical assistance funds under chapter 256B knowing or having reason to know that any part of the claim, report, or application is false is guilty of medical assistance fraud and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Penalties.** Whoever violates subdivision 1 may be sentenced as follows:

(1) to imprisonment of not more than 20 years, payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both if the part of any claim for payment, claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate application submitted, tendered, or offered that is false is more than \$35,000;

(2) to imprisonment of not more than ten years, payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both if:

(i) the part of any claim for payment, claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate application submitted, tendered, or offered that is false is more than \$5,000 but not more than \$35,000; or

(ii) the part of any claim for payment, claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate application submitted, tendered, or offered that is false is not more than \$5,000 and the person has been convicted within the preceding five years for an offense under this section, section 256.98; 268.182; 609.24; 609.245; 609.247; 609.52; 609.522; 609.53; 609.582, subdivision 1, 2, or 3; 609.625; 609.63; 609.631; or 609.821, or a statute from another state, the United States, or a foreign jurisdiction, in conformity with any of those sections, and the person received a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence for the offense, or a sentence that was stayed under section 609.135 if the offense to which a plea was entered would allow imposition of a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence; or

(3) to imprisonment of not more than five years, payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both if the part of any claim for payment, claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate application submitted, tendered, or offered that is false is not more than \$5,000.

Subd. 3. **Aggregation.** The total of all claims for payment, claims for reimbursement, cost reports, and rate applications submitted, tendered, or offered in violation of subdivision 1 within any six-month period may be aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly in applying the provisions of subdivision 2. When the same person commits two or more offenses in two or more counties, the accused may be prosecuted for all of the offenses aggregated under this subdivision in any county in which one of the offenses was committed.

Subd. 4. **Venue.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 627.01, a violation of this section may be prosecuted in:

(1) the county where any part of the offense occurred; or

(2) the county where the entity who received a claim for payment, claim for reimbursement, cost report, or rate application is located.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.52, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

**Subd. 2. Acts constituting theft.** (a) Whoever does any of the following commits theft and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 3:

(1) intentionally and without claim of right takes, uses, transfers, conceals or retains possession of movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property; or

(2) with or without having a legal interest in movable property, intentionally and without consent, takes the property out of the possession of a pledgee or other person having a superior right of possession, with intent thereby to deprive the pledgee or other person permanently of the possession of the property; or

(3) obtains for the actor or another the possession, custody, or title to property of or performance of services by a third person by intentionally deceiving the third person with a false representation which is known to be false, made with intent to defraud, and which does defraud the person to whom it is made. "False representation" includes without limitation:

(i) the issuance of a check, draft, or order for the payment of money, except a forged check as defined in section 609.631, or the delivery of property knowing that the actor is not entitled to draw upon the drawee therefor or to order the payment or delivery thereof; or

(ii) a promise made with intent not to perform. Failure to perform is not evidence of intent not to perform unless corroborated by other substantial evidence; or

~~(iii) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement, a rate application, or a cost report used to establish a rate or claim for payment for medical care provided to a recipient of medical assistance under chapter 256B, which intentionally and falsely states the costs of or actual services provided by a vendor of medical care; or~~

~~(iv)~~ (iii) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement for providing treatment or supplies required to be furnished to an employee under section 176.135 which intentionally and falsely states the costs of or actual treatment or supplies provided; or

~~(v)~~ (iv) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement for providing treatment or supplies required to be furnished to an employee under section 176.135 for treatment or supplies that the provider knew were medically unnecessary, inappropriate, or excessive; or

(4) by swindling, whether by artifice, trick, device, or any other means, obtains property or services from another person; or

(5) intentionally commits any of the acts listed in this subdivision but with intent to exercise temporary control only and:

36.1 (i) the control exercised manifests an indifference to the rights of the owner or the  
36.2 restoration of the property to the owner; or

36.3 (ii) the actor pledges or otherwise attempts to subject the property to an adverse claim;  
36.4 or

36.5 (iii) the actor intends to restore the property only on condition that the owner pay a  
36.6 reward or buy back or make other compensation; or

36.7 (6) finds lost property and, knowing or having reasonable means of ascertaining the true  
36.8 owner, appropriates it to the finder's own use or to that of another not entitled thereto without  
36.9 first having made reasonable effort to find the owner and offer and surrender the property  
36.10 to the owner; or

36.11 (7) intentionally obtains property or services, offered upon the deposit of a sum of money  
36.12 or tokens in a coin or token operated machine or other receptacle, without making the  
36.13 required deposit or otherwise obtaining the consent of the owner; or

36.14 (8) intentionally and without claim of right converts any article representing a trade  
36.15 secret, knowing it to be such, to the actor's own use or that of another person or makes a  
36.16 copy of an article representing a trade secret, knowing it to be such, and intentionally and  
36.17 without claim of right converts the same to the actor's own use or that of another person. It  
36.18 shall be a complete defense to any prosecution under this clause for the defendant to show  
36.19 that information comprising the trade secret was rightfully known or available to the  
36.20 defendant from a source other than the owner of the trade secret; or

36.21 (9) leases or rents personal property under a written instrument and who:

36.22 (i) with intent to place the property beyond the control of the lessor conceals or aids or  
36.23 abets the concealment of the property or any part thereof; or

36.24 (ii) sells, conveys, or encumbers the property or any part thereof without the written  
36.25 consent of the lessor, without informing the person to whom the lessee sells, conveys, or  
36.26 encumbers that the same is subject to such lease or rental contract with intent to deprive the  
36.27 lessor of possession thereof; or

36.28 (iii) does not return the property to the lessor at the end of the lease or rental term, plus  
36.29 agreed-upon extensions, with intent to wrongfully deprive the lessor of possession of the  
36.30 property; or

36.31 (iv) returns the property to the lessor at the end of the lease or rental term, plus  
36.32 agreed-upon extensions, but does not pay the lease or rental charges agreed upon in the  
36.33 written instrument, with intent to wrongfully deprive the lessor of the agreed-upon charges.

37.1 For the purposes of items (iii) and (iv), the value of the property must be at least \$100.

37.2 Evidence that a lessee used a false, fictitious, or not current name, address, or place of  
37.3 employment in obtaining the property or fails or refuses to return the property or pay the  
37.4 rental contract charges to lessor within five days after written demand for the return has  
37.5 been served personally in the manner provided for service of process of a civil action or  
37.6 sent by certified mail to the last known address of the lessee, whichever shall occur later,  
37.7 shall be evidence of intent to violate this clause. Service by certified mail shall be deemed  
37.8 to be complete upon deposit in the United States mail of such demand, postpaid and addressed  
37.9 to the person at the address for the person set forth in the lease or rental agreement, or, in  
37.10 the absence of the address, to the person's last known place of residence; or

37.11 (10) alters, removes, or obliterates numbers or symbols placed on movable property for  
37.12 purpose of identification by the owner or person who has legal custody or right to possession  
37.13 thereof with the intent to prevent identification, if the person who alters, removes, or  
37.14 obliterates the numbers or symbols is not the owner and does not have the permission of  
37.15 the owner to make the alteration, removal, or obliteration; or

37.16 (11) with the intent to prevent the identification of property involved, so as to deprive  
37.17 the rightful owner of possession thereof, alters or removes any permanent serial number,  
37.18 permanent distinguishing number or manufacturer's identification number on personal  
37.19 property or possesses, sells or buys any personal property knowing or having reason to  
37.20 know that the permanent serial number, permanent distinguishing number or manufacturer's  
37.21 identification number has been removed or altered; or

37.22 (12) intentionally deprives another of a lawful charge for cable television service by:

37.23 (i) making or using or attempting to make or use an unauthorized external connection  
37.24 outside the individual dwelling unit whether physical, electrical, acoustical, inductive, or  
37.25 other connection; or by

37.26 (ii) attaching any unauthorized device to any cable, wire, microwave, or other component  
37.27 of a licensed cable communications system as defined in chapter 238. Nothing herein shall  
37.28 be construed to prohibit the electronic video rerecording of program material transmitted  
37.29 on the cable communications system by a subscriber for fair use as defined by Public Law  
37.30 94-553, section 107; or

37.31 (13) except as provided in clauses (12) and (14), obtains the services of another with  
37.32 the intention of receiving those services without making the agreed or reasonably expected  
37.33 payment of money or other consideration; or

38.1 (14) intentionally deprives another of a lawful charge for telecommunications service  
38.2 by:

38.3 (i) making, using, or attempting to make or use an unauthorized connection whether  
38.4 physical, electrical, by wire, microwave, radio, or other means to a component of a local  
38.5 telecommunication system as provided in chapter 237; or

38.6 (ii) attaching an unauthorized device to a cable, wire, microwave, radio, or other  
38.7 component of a local telecommunication system as provided in chapter 237.

38.8 The existence of an unauthorized connection is prima facie evidence that the occupier  
38.9 of the premises:

38.10 (A) made or was aware of the connection; and

38.11 (B) was aware that the connection was unauthorized;

38.12 (15) with intent to defraud, diverts corporate property other than in accordance with  
38.13 general business purposes or for purposes other than those specified in the corporation's  
38.14 articles of incorporation; or

38.15 (16) with intent to defraud, authorizes or causes a corporation to make a distribution in  
38.16 violation of section 302A.551, or any other state law in conformity with it; or

38.17 (17) takes or drives a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or an authorized  
38.18 agent of the owner, knowing or having reason to know that the owner or an authorized agent  
38.19 of the owner did not give consent; or

38.20 (18) intentionally, and without claim of right, takes motor fuel from a retailer without  
38.21 the retailer's consent and with intent to deprive the retailer permanently of possession of  
38.22 the fuel by driving a motor vehicle from the premises of the retailer without having paid  
38.23 for the fuel dispensed into the vehicle; or

38.24 (19) commits wage theft under subdivision 1, clause (13).

38.25 (b) Proof that the driver of a motor vehicle into which motor fuel was dispensed drove  
38.26 the vehicle from the premises of the retailer without having paid for the fuel permits the  
38.27 factfinder to infer that the driver acted intentionally and without claim of right, and that the  
38.28 driver intended to deprive the retailer permanently of possession of the fuel. This paragraph  
38.29 does not apply if: (1) payment has been made to the retailer within 30 days of the receipt  
38.30 of notice of nonpayment under section 604.15; or (2) a written notice as described in section  
38.31 604.15, subdivision 4, disputing the retailer's claim, has been sent. This paragraph does not

39.1 apply to the owner of a motor vehicle if the vehicle or the vehicle's license plate has been  
39.2 reported stolen before the theft of the fuel.

39.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes  
39.4 committed on or after that date.

39.5 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 628.26, is amended to read:

39.6 **628.26 LIMITATIONS.**

39.7 (a) Indictments or complaints for any crime resulting in the death of the victim may be  
39.8 found or made at any time after the death of the person killed.

39.9 (b) Indictments or complaints for a violation of section 609.25 may be found or made  
39.10 at any time after the commission of the offense.

39.11 (c) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.282 may be found or made at  
39.12 any time after the commission of the offense if the victim was under the age of 18 at the  
39.13 time of the offense.

39.14 (d) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.282 where the victim was 18  
39.15 years of age or older at the time of the offense, or 609.42, subdivision 1, clause (1) or (2),  
39.16 shall be found or made and filed in the proper court within six years after the commission  
39.17 of the offense.

39.18 (e) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections 609.322, 609.342 to 609.345, and  
39.19 609.3458 may be found or made at any time after the commission of the offense.

39.20 (f) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections ~~609.466~~ 609.467 and 609.52,  
39.21 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (3), item (iii), shall be found or made and filed in the  
39.22 proper court within six years after the commission of the offense.

39.23 (g) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.2335, 609.52, subdivision 2,  
39.24 paragraph (a), clause (3), items (i) and (ii), (4), (15), or (16), 609.631, or 609.821, where  
39.25 the value of the property or services stolen is more than \$35,000, or for violation of section  
39.26 609.527 where the offense involves eight or more direct victims or the total combined loss  
39.27 to the direct and indirect victims is more than \$35,000, shall be found or made and filed in  
39.28 the proper court within five years after the commission of the offense.

39.29 (h) Except for violations relating to false material statements, representations or  
39.30 omissions, indictments or complaints for violations of section 609.671 shall be found or  
39.31 made and filed in the proper court within five years after the commission of the offense.

(i) Indictments or complaints for violation of sections 609.561 to 609.563, shall be found or made and filed in the proper court within five years after the commission of the offense.

(j) Indictments or complaints for violation of section 609.746 shall be found or made and filed in the proper court within the later of three years after the commission of the offense or three years after the offense was reported to law enforcement authorities.

(k) In all other cases, indictments or complaints shall be found or made and filed in the proper court within three years after the commission of the offense.

(l) The limitations periods contained in this section shall exclude any period of time during which the defendant was not an inhabitant of or usually resident within this state.

(m) The limitations periods contained in this section for an offense shall not include any period during which the alleged offender participated under a written agreement in a pretrial diversion program relating to that offense.

(n) The limitations periods contained in this section shall not include any period of time during which physical evidence relating to the offense was undergoing DNA analysis, as defined in section 299C.155, unless the defendant demonstrates that the prosecuting or law enforcement agency purposefully delayed the DNA analysis process in order to gain an unfair advantage.

**Sec. 23. OPEN POSITIONS REPORT.**

The commissioner of management and budget must report the number of posted executive branch job openings that have gone unfilled for at least six months. The commissioner's report must identify such openings by agency and job title, and identify which specific job titles or classes take longest to fill on average and those that experience the most turnover. No later than February 1, 2026, August 1, 2026, and February 1, 2027, the commissioner must submit this report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government finance and policy.

**Sec. 24. INTEGRATING APPLICATION INFORMATION AND A REFERRAL PROCESS FOR THE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ON THE MNBENEFITS WEB PORTAL.**

No later than June 30, 2026, the commissioner of children, youth, and families, in consultation with Metro Transit and the commissioners of transportation, human services, and Minnesota IT Services, must integrate application information and a referral process for the transit assistance program administered by Metro Transit into the MNbenefits web



41.1 portal. Metro Transit and the Metropolitan Council must continue to process applications  
41.2 for the transit assistance program after application information and a referral process are  
41.3 integrated into the MNbenefits web portal.

41.4 Sec. 25. **STATUE REPLACEMENT.**

41.5 The commissioner of administration may accept private funds, submit a request to the  
41.6 Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, and erect a new statue in Statuary Hall in the  
41.7 United States Capitol, including removing an existing statue from Statuary Hall and  
41.8 transporting it to Minnesota, recasting an existing statue in Minnesota, and transporting and  
41.9 installing the new statue in Statuary Hall. All money accepted by the commissioner under  
41.10 this section must be deposited in a dedicated account in the special revenue fund and is  
41.11 appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of this section. The account expires on  
41.12 January 1, 2028, with any money remaining in the account at that time appropriated to the  
41.13 State Arts Board for purposes of the programs and activities authorized under Minnesota  
41.14 Statutes, chapter 129D.

41.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the chief clerk of the house  
41.16 of representatives and the secretary of the senate jointly notify the revisor of statutes and  
41.17 the commissioner of administration that the state has satisfied the requirements for a statue  
41.18 replacement request under United States Code, title 2, chapter 30, section 2132.

41.19 Sec. 26. **REPEALER.**

41.20 Subdivision 1. **Employee gainsharing.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16A.90, is  
41.21 repealed.

41.22 Subd. 2. **Advisory Council on Infrastructure.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections  
41.23 16B.356; 16B.357; 16B.358; and 16B.359, are repealed.

41.24 Subd. 3. **CPA substantial equivalence.** Minnesota Rules, part 1105.7900, item D, is  
41.25 repealed.

41.26 Subd. 4. **Medical assistance fraud.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.466, is  
41.27 repealed.

41.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 3 is effective the day following final enactment.

**ARTICLE 3****BUSINESS FILING FRAUD AND DECEPTIVE MAILINGS**Section 1. **[5.60] LATE RENEWAL PENALTY.**

Subdivision 1. **Late penalty.** The secretary of state may require a person to pay a late penalty of up to \$25 when filing for renewal or reinstatement of a business entity that the secretary of state has dissolved, terminated, or revoked due to failure to file an annual renewal, or a business entity for which the secretary of state has canceled a certificate of authority. The secretary of state must deposit all late penalty revenue in the account created under subdivision 2. The late penalty is in addition to any other fee or assessment provided by law.

Subd. 2. **Account; appropriation.** The secretary of state fraud prevention and data security account is created in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the secretary of state to:

(1) fulfill statutory and constitutional duties regarding fraud prevention and data privacy and security, including but not limited to cyber security and the Minnesota Business Filing Fraud Prevention Act under sections 300.70 to 300.78;

(2) ensure the accuracy and completeness of documents that are permitted or required under law to be filed with the secretary of state; and

(3) enhance the secretary of state's information and telecommunications technology systems and services.

Subd. 3. **Annual report.** By February 15 each year, the secretary of state must submit a report identifying the amount of revenue collected and outcomes achieved under this section to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government finance and policy.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025, and applies to renewal or reinstatement applications submitted on or after that date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.485, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The sections referred to in subdivisions 3 to ~~6~~ 7 are codified outside this chapter. Those sections classify corporation data as other than public, place restrictions on access to government data, or involve data sharing.

43.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.485, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
43.2 read:

43.3 Subd. 7. **Business fraud investigations.** Government data related to investigations under  
43.4 sections 300.70 to 300.78 are governed by section 300.78.

43.5 Sec. 4. **[300.70] CITATION AND DEFINITIONS.**

43.6 Subdivision 1. **Citation.** Sections 300.70 to 300.78 may be cited as the "Minnesota  
43.7 Business Filing Fraud Prevention Act."

43.8 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of sections 300.70 to 300.78, the following terms  
43.9 have the meanings given.

43.10 (b) "Complainant" means a person who (1) delivers a declaration of wrongful filing, and  
43.11 (2) has a connection to the allegedly wrongful filing or the related business.

43.12 (c) "Filer" means the person who has allegedly made a wrongful filing.

43.13 (d) "Office" means the Office of the Secretary of State.

43.14 Sec. 5. **[300.71] DECLARATION OF WRONGFUL FILING.**

43.15 Subdivision 1. **Form and contents of declaration.** (a) A complainant may deliver a  
43.16 declaration of wrongful filing to the office if the complainant believes that a document filed  
43.17 under chapters 301 to 323A:

43.18 (1) was not authorized to be filed; and

43.19 (2) was filed with the intent to: (i) modify the ownership, registered agent, business  
43.20 address, contact information, governance, or other information of a business on record; or  
43.21 (ii) register a business using another person's name, address, or identity.

43.22 (b) A declaration of wrongful filing must include:

43.23 (1) the file number of the allegedly wrongful filing;

43.24 (2) the complainant's name, mailing address, and email address;

43.25 (3) whether the complainant is employed by or has an ownership interest in the business  
43.26 that is the subject of the filing;

43.27 (4) any information or evidence supporting the complainant's allegations under this  
43.28 section;

44.1 (5) a statement verifying the complainant believes in good faith that the facts stated in  
44.2 the declaration are true; and

44.3 (6) any other information the office deems necessary.

44.4 (c) The office must provide a form for declarations filed under this section. A complainant  
44.5 must use the provided form when submitting a declaration of wrongful filing.

44.6 (d) A false material statement of fact in a declaration of wrongful filing or any other  
44.7 document submitted under sections 300.70 to 300.78 is a violation of section 609.48.

44.8 Subd. 2. **Review of declaration.** (a) The office must promptly accept or reject a  
44.9 declaration of wrongful filing.

44.10 (b) The office may reject a declaration of wrongful filing that is incomplete or does not  
44.11 use the provided form or if the office reasonably believes it was delivered with the intent  
44.12 to harass or defraud the filer. The office may reject a declaration of wrongful filing if the  
44.13 office has already issued a final order on the filing identified in the declaration.

44.14 Subd. 3. **Nonexclusive remedy.** The remedy in sections 300.70 to 300.78 is not exclusive.  
44.15 An aggrieved party may seek district court action regardless of whether the individual has  
44.16 initiated or completed the procedure described in these sections.

44.17 Sec. 6. **[300.72] NOTICE.**

44.18 (a) When the office accepts a declaration of wrongful filing, the office must provide  
44.19 notice of the declaration to the complainant and the filer. The notice must describe the  
44.20 allegations made in the declaration and the process used to resolve the allegations. The  
44.21 notice must prominently state the response timeline in section 300.73 and the consequences  
44.22 if the filer does not respond. The notice must prominently state that a false statement of  
44.23 material fact in any documents submitted under sections 300.70 to 300.78 is a violation of  
44.24 section 609.48.

44.25 (b) The office must send the notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, to:

44.26 (1) the complainant at the mailing address provided in the declaration; and

44.27 (2) the filer at:

44.28 (i) the most recent registered business address associated with the filing named in the  
44.29 declaration; or

44.30 (ii) if a mailing address for the filer cannot be identified, the notice may be served on  
44.31 the filer as provided under section 5.25, subdivision 6.

(c) Notice is deemed received by the complainant and the filer upon mailing.

(d) If the notice to the filer is returned as undeliverable, the office may deem the filing fraudulent and immediately issue a final order as provided under section 300.76, notwithstanding the time period under section 300.73.

Sec. 7. **[300.73] RESPONSE.**

(a) After notice is received, the filer must respond in writing to the allegations in the declaration. The response must be received by the office within 21 calendar days of receipt of the notice.

(b) The filer's response under this section must include any information refuting the allegations contained in the complainant's declaration.

Sec. 8. **[300.74] PROCEDURE WHEN NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.**

If the filer does not respond within the time period under section 300.73, the office must deem the filing fraudulent and issue a final order as provided under section 300.76.

Sec. 9. **[300.75] PROCEDURE WHEN RESPONSE RECEIVED.**

Subdivision 1. Preliminary determination. (a) If the filer responds within the period under section 300.73, the office must further investigate the allegations in the declaration and information in the response and make a preliminary determination regarding whether the filing named in the declaration is fraudulent.

(b) The office may request additional information from the complainant and the filer if necessary to make the preliminary determination.

Subd. 2. Notice of preliminary determination. The office must send notice of the preliminary determination to the complainant and the filer in the manner described under section 300.72. Notice is deemed received in the manner described under section 300.72.

Subd. 3. Response. After notice is received, the nonprevailing party must respond to the preliminary determination within ten calendar days with additional information or evidence in support of the nonprevailing party's position. The prevailing party may send additional information or evidence within the same time period. The response must be received by the office within the time period provided under this subdivision.

Subd. 4. Procedure if no second response is received. If the nonprevailing party does not respond as required under subdivision 3, the preliminary determination becomes final and the office must issue a final order under section 300.76.

46.1 Subd. 5. **Procedure if second response is received.** If the nonprevailing party responds  
46.2 as required under subdivision 3, the office must consider the additional information provided,  
46.3 make a final determination regarding whether the filing named in the declaration is fraudulent,  
46.4 and issue a final order under section 300.76.

46.5 Subd. 6. **Factors.** When making a preliminary or final determination under this section,  
46.6 the office may consider various factors, including but not limited to:

46.7 (1) whether the office has previously received declarations of wrongful filing or issued  
46.8 final orders relating to the business, the filer, or the complainant;

46.9 (2) the previous filing history relating to the business, the filer, or the complainant;

46.10 (3) whether the filer or complainant failed to respond to a request for additional  
46.11 information; and

46.12 (4) whether the office is able to independently verify the information provided by the  
46.13 filer or complainant using publicly available information.

46.14 **Sec. 10. [300.76] FINAL ORDER.**

46.15 Subdivision 1. **Filings deemed fraudulent.** (a) If the office deems a filing fraudulent  
46.16 under section 300.74 or 300.75, the office must issue a final order under this subdivision.  
46.17 The final order must provide the office's rationale for deeming the filing fraudulent.

46.18 (b) When a filing is deemed fraudulent pursuant to a final order under this subdivision,  
46.19 the filing must be treated for legal purposes as if the filing never existed. In the case of a  
46.20 business registered using a Minnesota resident's name, address, or identity without the  
46.21 resident's authorization, the business is deemed dissolved.

46.22 (c) When a filing is deemed fraudulent pursuant to a final order, the office must:

46.23 (1) mark the unauthorized filing or the business record as unauthorized or fraudulent;

46.24 (2) redact names and addresses that were used without authorization; and

46.25 (3) retain a copy of the final order.

46.26 (d) In addition to the actions in paragraph (c), the office may:

46.27 (1) disable additional filing functionality on the business entity's record; or

46.28 (2) take other action the office deems necessary to prevent further unauthorized filings,  
46.29 protect private information, or prevent misuse of unauthorized information.

47.1 Subd. 2. Filings deemed not fraudulent or insufficient evidence. If the office  
47.2 determines that a filing is not fraudulent or that insufficient information is available to make  
47.3 a determination, the office must issue a final order stating that the office is not removing  
47.4 the filing from the database. The final order must provide the office's rationale for  
47.5 determining that the filing is not fraudulent or that insufficient information is available to  
47.6 make a determination.

47.7 Sec. 11. [300.77] JUDICIAL REVIEW.

47.8 (a) Any party who is aggrieved by a final order under section 300.76 may appeal the  
47.9 order to the district court of the Minnesota county where the business that is the subject of  
47.10 the final order is registered or was registered before the business's dissolution or, if the  
47.11 business is not registered in Minnesota, to the district court of Ramsey County. The aggrieved  
47.12 party may also appeal the final order as part of any district court action between the filer  
47.13 and complainant where the filing at issue is relevant to the issues in the case.

47.14 (b) The aggrieved party must serve a written copy of a notice of appeal upon the office  
47.15 and any adverse party of record within 30 calendar days after the date the final order was  
47.16 issued and must also file the original notice and proof of service with the court administrator  
47.17 of the district court. Service may be made in person or by mail. Service by mail is complete  
47.18 upon mailing. The court administrator is prohibited from requiring a filing fee for appeals  
47.19 taken pursuant to this section.

47.20 (c) The office may elect to become a party to the proceedings in the district court.

47.21 (d) The court may order that the office furnish the court and all parties to the proceedings  
47.22 with a copy of the decision, the filing that is the subject of the decision, and any materials  
47.23 or information submitted to the office. Any materials provided under this section that are  
47.24 filed with the court must be done so under restricted access unless the court orders otherwise.

47.25 (e) A party may obtain a hearing at a special term of the district court by serving a written  
47.26 notice of the hearing's time and place at least ten days before the date of the hearing.

47.27 (f) A party aggrieved by the order of the district court may appeal the order as in other  
47.28 civil cases. Costs or disbursements must not be taxed against a party. A filing fee or bond  
47.29 must not be required of a party.

48.1       Sec. 12. **[300.78] DATA PRACTICES.**

48.2           Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, "nonpublic data" has the meaning  
48.3 given in section 13.02, subdivision 9, and "private data on individuals" has the meaning  
48.4 given in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

48.5           Subd. 2. **Data classification.** Data submitted by a complainant or filer under sections  
48.6 300.70 to 300.78 is classified as nonpublic data or private data on individuals. A final order  
48.7 under section 300.76 is public data, subject to the following: the complainant or filer's  
48.8 personal contact information is classified as private data on individuals. The unredacted  
48.9 version of a filing deemed fraudulent pursuant to a final order under section 300.76,  
48.10 subdivision 1, is classified as nonpublic data or private data on individuals. The version of  
48.11 the filing that has been redacted pursuant to section 300.76, subdivision 1, paragraph (c),  
48.12 is classified as public data.

48.13           Subd. 3. **Dissemination permitted.** Notwithstanding subdivision 2, the office may  
48.14 disseminate data of any classification collected, created, or maintained under sections 300.70  
48.15 to 300.78:

48.16           (1) to the attorney general to aid the office in the investigation and review of a filing  
48.17 that is the subject of a declaration of wrongful filing;

48.18           (2) to a person or agency if the office determines that access to the data aids a criminal  
48.19 or civil investigation; or

48.20           (3) if required or authorized by a court order or other state or federal law.

48.21       Sec. 13. **[300.79] PROHIBITION ON DECEPTIVE BUSINESS MAILINGS.**

48.22           Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "solicitation" means a  
48.23 communication that is sent by a nongovernment third party to a business and that purports  
48.24 to:

48.25           (1) notify the business of an operating requirement, including but not limited to filing  
48.26 documents with or retrieving documents from the Office of the Secretary of State; or

48.27           (2) offer a service that relates to filing documents with, producing documents for, or  
48.28 reporting information to the Office of the Secretary of State.

48.29           Subd. 2. **Design and content requirements.** (a) A solicitation must:

48.30           (1) include a clear statement indicating that the solicitation is an advertisement and is  
48.31 not from a government agency. The statement must be placed at the top of a physical  
48.32 document or the beginning of an electronic communication and must be in at least 24-point



49.1 font. All other text in the document must be smaller than the statement required by this  
49.2 clause;

49.3 (2) provide information indicating where an individual is able to directly file documents  
49.4 with the secretary of state or retrieve copies of public records;

49.5 (3) disclose the name and physical address of the company sending the solicitation. The  
49.6 physical address must not be a post office box; and

49.7 (4) for a mailed solicitation, prominently display in capital letters on the envelope or  
49.8 outer wrapper the words "THIS IS NOT A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT."

49.9 (b) The overall design and language of a solicitation must not:

49.10 (1) create the impression that the solicitation is an official government notice or document;

49.11 (2) incorporate the Minnesota state seal or other logo or branding of the state or any  
49.12 state agency; or

49.13 (3) indicate or imply a legal duty to act on the solicitation or a penalty for failure to act  
49.14 on the solicitation.

49.15 Subd. 3. **Penalties.** (a) A person who sends a solicitation that does not comply with the  
49.16 requirements of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

49.17 (b) A violation of this section is a violation of sections 325D.43 to 325D.48.

49.18 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.48, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

49.19 Subdivision 1. **Acts constituting.** Whoever makes a false material statement not believing  
49.20 it to be true in any of the following cases is guilty of perjury and may be sentenced as  
49.21 provided in subdivision 4:

49.22 (1) in or for an action, hearing or proceeding of any kind in which the statement is  
49.23 required or authorized by law to be made under oath or affirmation;

49.24 (2) in any writing which is required or authorized by law to be under oath or affirmation;

49.25 (3) in any writing made according to section 358.115;

49.26 (4) in any writing made according to section 358.116; ~~or~~

49.27 (5) in any writing made according to sections 300.70 to 300.78; or

49.28 (6) in any other case in which the penalties for perjury are imposed by law and no specific  
49.29 sentence is otherwise provided.

50.1 Sec. 15. **RULEMAKING.**

50.2 The secretary of state may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this article.

50.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 14.125, no time limit applies to the authority  
50.4 granted under this section.

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

50.6 Sec. 16. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

50.7 Sections 2 to 12 and 14 are effective for filings made on or after January 1, 2026.

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### 16A.90 EMPLOYEE GAINSHARING SYSTEM.

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner must establish program.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a program to provide onetime bonus compensation to state employees for efforts made to reduce the costs of operating state government or for ways of providing better or more efficient state services. The commissioner may authorize an executive branch appointing authority to make a onetime award to an employee or group of employees whose suggestion or involvement in a project is determined by the commissioner to have resulted in documented cost-savings to the state. Before authorizing awards under this section, the commissioner shall establish guidelines for the program including but not limited to:

(1) the maximum award is ten percent of the documented savings in the first fiscal year in which the savings are realized up to \$50,000;

(2) the award must be paid from the appropriation to which the savings accrued; and

(3) employees whose primary job responsibility is to identify cost savings or ways of providing better or more efficient state services are generally not eligible for bonus compensation under this section except in extraordinary circumstances as defined by the commissioner.

(b) The program required by this section must be in addition to any existing monetary or nonmonetary performance-based recognition programs for state employees, including achievement awards, continuous improvement awards, and general employee recognitions.

Subd. 2. **Biannual legislative report.** No later than August 1, 2017, and biannually thereafter, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over Minnesota Management and Budget on the status of the program required by this section. The report must detail:

(1) the specific program guidelines established by the commissioner as required by subdivision 1, if the guidelines have not been described in a previous report;

(2) any proposed modifications to the established guidelines under consideration by the commissioner, including the reason for the proposed modifications;

(3) the methods used by the commissioner to promote the program to state employees, if the methods have not been described in a previous report;

(4) a summary of the results of the program that includes the following, categorized by agency:

(i) the number of state employees whose suggestions or involvement in a project were considered for possible bonus compensation, and a description of each suggestion or project that was considered;

(ii) the total amount of bonus compensation actually awarded, itemized by each suggestion or project that resulted in an award and the amount awarded for that suggestion or project; and

(iii) the total amount of documented cost-savings that accrued to the agency as a result of each suggestion or project for which bonus compensation was granted; and

(5) any recommendations for legislation that, in the judgment of the commissioner, would improve the effectiveness of the bonus compensation program established by this section or which would otherwise increase opportunities for state employees to actively participate in the development and implementation of strategies for reducing the costs of operating state government or for providing better or more efficient state services.

### 16B.356 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Terms.** For the purposes of sections 16B.356 to 16B.359, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. **Council.** "Council" means the Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure established in section 16B.357.

Subd. 3. **Infrastructure.** "Infrastructure" means physical structures and facilities, including but not limited to property, lands, buildings, and other assets of a capital nature. The term includes infrastructure related to agriculture, commerce, communications, economic development, energy, food, health, housing, natural resources, public safety, transportation, drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater.

**16B.357 MINNESOTA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** (a) The Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure is established as provided under sections 16B.356 to 16B.359.

(b) The purpose of the council is to define and maintain a vision for the future of Minnesota's infrastructure that provides for its proper management, coordination, and investment.

Subd. 2. **Voting membership.** The council consists of the following voting members:

- (1) two members appointed by the governor;
- (2) two members appointed by the senate majority leader;
- (3) two members appointed by the senate minority leader;
- (4) two members appointed by the speaker of the house;
- (5) two members appointed by the house minority leader; and
- (6) one member appointed by the Indian Affairs Council.

Subd. 3. **Nonvoting membership.** The council consists of the following nonvoting members:

- (1) the commissioner of administration;
- (2) the commissioner of agriculture;
- (3) the commissioner of commerce;
- (4) the commissioner of employment and economic development;
- (5) the commissioner of health;
- (6) the commissioner of management and budget;
- (7) the commissioner of natural resources;
- (8) the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency;
- (9) the commissioner of transportation;
- (10) the commissioner of Iron Range resources and rehabilitation;
- (11) the chair of the Metropolitan Council;
- (12) the chair of the Board of Water and Soil Resources;
- (13) the executive director of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority;
- (14) the chancellor of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; and
- (15) the president of the University of Minnesota.

Subd. 4. **Voting members; appointment requirements.** (a) An appointing authority under subdivision 2 may only appoint an individual who has direct and practical expertise and experience, whether from the public or private sector, in any of the following:

(1) asset management in one or more of the areas of planning, design, construction, management, or operations and maintenance, for: (i) drinking water; (ii) wastewater; (iii) stormwater; (iv) transportation; (v) energy; or (vi) communications;

(2) financial management and procurement; or

(3) regional asset management across jurisdictions and infrastructure sectors.

(b) Each appointing authority under subdivision 2, clauses (1) to (5), must appoint one individual who resides in a metropolitan county, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and one individual who resides outside of a metropolitan county.

(c) No current legislator may be appointed to the council.

(d) Prior to making appointments, the appointing authorities under subdivision 2 must coordinate and provide for:

- (1) geographic representation throughout the state;

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- (2) representation for all major types of infrastructure assets; and
- (3) representation from the public and private sectors.

Subd. 5. **Voting members; recommendations for appointment.** Each appointing authority under subdivision 2 must acknowledge and give consideration to appointment recommendations made by interested stakeholders, including but not limited to:

- (1) the Association of Minnesota Counties;
- (2) the League of Minnesota Cities;
- (3) the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities;
- (4) the Minnesota Association of Townships;
- (5) the Minnesota Chapter of the American Public Works Association;
- (6) the Associated General Contractors of Minnesota;
- (7) a labor union representing the building trades;
- (8) a public utility;
- (9) the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association;
- (10) the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce;
- (11) the Minnesota section of the American Water Works Association;
- (12) the Minnesota Rural Water Association; and
- (13) the Minnesota Rural Electric Association.

Subd. 6. **Nonvoting members; delegation.** (a) Notwithstanding section 15.06, subdivision 6, an individual specified under subdivision 3 may appoint a designee to serve on the council only as provided in this subdivision.

(b) An individual specified under subdivision 3 may appoint a designee who serves on an ongoing basis to exercise the powers and duties as a nonvoting council member under this section. The designation must be made by written order, filed with the secretary of state. The designee must be a public employee who is:

- (1) a deputy commissioner or deputy director;
- (2) an assistant commissioner;
- (3) an immediate subordinate of the appointing authority;
- (4) a director of a relevant office; or

(5) if the appointing authority is the chair of a board or council specified under subdivision 3, another member of that board or council.

Subd. 7. **Officers.** (a) The council must elect from among its voting members a chair, or cochair, and vice-chair. As necessary, the council may elect other council members to serve as officers.

(b) The chair is responsible for convening meetings of the council and setting each meeting agenda.

Subd. 8. **Council actions.** (a) A majority of the council, including voting and nonvoting members and excluding vacancies, is a quorum.

(b) The council may conduct business as provided under section 13D.015.

Subd. 9. **Compensation; terms; removal; vacancies.** The compensation, membership terms, filling of vacancies, and removal of members on the council are as provided in section 15.0575.

Subd. 10. **Open Meeting Law.** The council is subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under chapter 13D.

Subd. 11. **Data practices.** The council is subject to the Minnesota Data Practices Act under chapter 13.

### **16B.358 POWERS; RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **General powers.** The council has the nonregulatory powers necessary to carry out its responsibilities and duties specified by law.

Subd. 2. **General responsibilities.** (a) The council is responsible for activities in a nonregulatory capacity and in coordination with stakeholders to identify and recommend best practices that:

(1) preserve and extend the longevity of Minnesota's public and privately owned infrastructure; and

(2) provide for effective and efficient management of infrastructure.

(b) Unless specifically provided otherwise, nothing in sections 16B.356 to 16B.359 requires transfer of personnel, specific responsibilities, or administrative functions from a department or agency to the council.

Subd. 3. **Duties.** The duties of the council are to:

(1) identify approaches to enhance and expedite infrastructure coordination across jurisdictions, agencies, state and local government, and public and private sectors, including in planning, design, engineering, construction, maintenance, and operations;

(2) analyze methods to improve efficiency and the use of resources related to (i) public infrastructure, and (ii) public asset management practices;

(3) identify opportunities to reduce duplication in infrastructure projects and asset management;

(4) identify barriers and gaps in effective asset management;

(5) identify objectives and strategies that enhance the longevity and adaptability of infrastructure throughout the state;

(6) develop advisory recommendations, if any, related to the responsibilities and duties specified under this section, including to state agencies for programs, policies, and practices; and

(7) implement the requirements under sections 16B.356 to 16B.359.

Subd. 4. **Asset managers program.** The council must develop and recommend a plan for a statewide asset managers program that provides for:

(1) identification, exchange, and distribution of (i) information on existing asset management tools and resources, and (ii) best practices on infrastructure management;

(2) training for infrastructure owners and asset managers; and

(3) coordination and collaboration among infrastructure owners and asset managers.

Subd. 5. **Administrative support.** The commissioner must provide the council with suitable space to maintain an office, hold meetings, and keep records. The commissioner must provide administrative staff and information technology resources to the council as necessary for the expeditious conduct of the council's duties and responsibilities.

Subd. 6. **Report.** By December 15 annually, the council must submit a report to the governor and the legislative committees with jurisdiction over capital investment, climate, economic development, energy, and transportation. At a minimum, the report must:

(1) summarize the activities of the council;

(2) provide an overview for each of the duties and requirements under sections 16B.356 to 16B.359;

(3) identify any barriers and constraints related to activities of the council; and

(4) provide any recommendations of the council.

### **16B.359 PERSONNEL.**

Subdivision 1. **Executive director.** (a) The commissioner must hire an executive director in the classified service, with the advice of the council. The executive director is the principal administrative officer for the council. The executive director is not an ex officio member of the council.

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(b) The executive director must have (1) leadership or management experience, and (2) training and experience in public works or asset management.

(c) The executive director must perform the duties as specified by the council to manage and implement the requirements of sections 16B.356 to 16B.359.

Subd. 2. **Staffing.** (a) The executive director must:

(1) hire any employees on the basis of merit and fitness that the executive director considers necessary to discharge the functions of the office; and

(2) prescribe the powers and duties of an employee.

(b) The executive director may:

(1) hire a deputy director and other staff; and

(2) delegate the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the executive director to employees, under conditions prescribed by the executive director.

**609.466 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FRAUD.**

Any person who, with the intent to defraud, presents a claim for reimbursement, a cost report or a rate application, relating to the payment of medical assistance funds pursuant to chapter 256B, to the state agency, which is false in whole or in part, is guilty of an attempt to commit theft of public funds and may be sentenced accordingly.



**1105.7900 SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY.**

D. Individuals required by Minnesota Statutes, section 326A.14, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), to obtain a verification that their individual qualifications are substantially equivalent to the licensure requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 326A.03, subdivisions 3, 4, and 6, shall obtain the verification from the NASBA National Qualification Appraisal Service prior to rendering professional services in this state. Documentation supporting this verification must be maintained by the individual for a minimum period of six years and must be submitted to the board upon request.