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Overview

This act appropriates money to the commissioner of natural resources and the commissioner of corrections for payment of claims against the state. The governor vetoed the appropriation for the Bode claim.

- 1 Department of corrections.** Appropriates \$67,815 to the commissioner of correction for the payment of eight claims for injuries that occurred during correctional sentence-to-service or community service work and to reimburse the department for claims already paid.
- 2 Department of natural resources.** Appropriates \$66,472 to the commissioner of natural resources for full and final payment of three claims relating to expenses during the appeal of a public waters hearing panel decision on tiling of a wetland (Bode claim), loss of revenues from a moratorium on raising logs from lake bottoms (Petty claim), and reimbursement of fines paid during the settlement of a land dispute (Shoen claim). If payment is accepted in the Bode claim, an administrative law judge will be appointed to make a final determination on whether the area on the Bode farm meets the statutory definition of “wetlands.”

Note: Governor Pawlenty vetoed the \$27,000 appropriation for the Bode claim and the corresponding authority for a determination of the wetland status by an administrative law judge.