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Overview

This bill appropriates money to the Department of Veterans Affairs for a grant to the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) for continued outreach to homeless veterans in Minnesota. The bill appropriates \$250,000 each year of the biennium (FY12 and FY13). The appropriation in the second year, not being designated as a *onetime appropriation* will be added to the agency's base amount for each year of the following biennium. The bill directs that the MACV must use this funding to provide assistance throughout the state to veterans and their families who are homeless or in danger of homelessness, including for housing, utilities, employment and legal assistance, according to guidelines established by the commissioner. In order to avoid duplication of services, the commissioner must ensure that this assistance will be coordinated with all other available programs for veterans.