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Bill Summary

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Overview

Legislation enacted in 2010 directed the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to determine a suitable site and plan for three new state veterans cemeteries, one each in Northeastern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Minnesota. It further directs that the commissioner of the MDVA must consider available public land options and must seek proposals for donated land from interested local governmental units and veterans organizations.

As amended, this bill further directs that, in the case of Southeastern Minnesota, the commissioner shall give consideration to land owned and proposed for donation by the city of Preston and county of Fillmore.

It also authorizes the commissioner to use funding previously appropriated by the legislature for use in siting the Northeastern and Southwestern Minnesota veterans cemeteries to site the Southeastern Minnesota veterans cemetery, as well.