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Bill Summary

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Overview

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 Fillmore County.

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.

Section

- 1 Amending 2009 bonding bill.** Broadens the authorization for the commissioner of veterans affairs to use a \$500,000 appropriation for planning new veteran cemeteries in three regions of the state – Northeastern Minnesota, Southeastern Minnesota, and Southwestern Minnesota. Initially, that authorization was for Redwood County and Northeastern Minnesota.

This provision of the bill coordinates this funding authorization with the policy language of the 2010 law being amended below, which authorized the commissioner to search for suitable cemetery sites in Northeastern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Minnesota.

- 2 Amending 2010 policy bill.** Directs the commissioner of veterans affairs to give priority consideration to a site in Southeastern Minnesota that is owned by the county of Fillmore and being proposed for donation to the state of Minnesota for a State Veterans Cemetery.