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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill creates a new method of certification for a veteran owned small business as it relates to contract bid preferences. Currently, the only method for a veteran-owned small business to become certified is to work through the certification offered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. That certification would still be necessary to receive a preference on federal contracts. The bill would require the department of administration to perform the certification, as this agency already certifies other targeted small businesses as required in statute.

Section

- 1 Eligibility; rules.** Updates cross references and provides that the commissioner must make rules that set time limits and other eligibility limits for veteran-owned small businesses.
- 2 Definitions.** Adds a definition for “state funds.” This would be any funds that are raised by the issuance of general obligation bonds that are appropriated to the county by the commissioner of MMB.
- 3 Policy; purpose; director.** Requires a county to provide a contract bid preference in accordance with state law if the project is funded in whole or in part with state funds as defined in section 2.
- 4 Veteran preference.** Requires the city of Rochester to give a contract bid preference to certified veteran-owned small businesses on any contracts entered into on or after the day of final enactment. This would include all Destination Medical Center contracts.
- 5 Veteran-owned small business contracts.** Same as sections 2 and 3, but applies to local

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governments.

- 6** **Veteran-owned small business certification.** Appropriates \$100,000 to the commissioner of the Department of Administration to create the certification program for veteran-owned small businesses and to carry out the certification process.