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### Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of health to administer statewide tobacco cessation services to help Minnesotans quit using tobacco products. Money to fund the services is annually appropriated to the commissioner from a tobacco cessation account being established in the special revenue fund.

#### Section

- 1**        **Statewide tobacco cessation services.** Adds § 144.397. Directs the commissioner of health to administer or contract for the administration of statewide tobacco cessation services to help Minnesotans quit using tobacco products. Also requires the commissioner to conduct statewide public awareness activities to inform the public about the services and encourage their use. Specifies services that may be provided, requires them to be evidence-based best practices, and requires coordination of services. Establishes a tobacco cessation account in the special revenue fund, and annually appropriates money in the account to the commissioner of health for statewide tobacco cessation services.
- 2**        **Transfer.** Transfers a blank amount in fiscal year 2019 from the amount deposited in the general fund according to the 1998 tobacco settlement agreement, to the tobacco cessation account. These funds will be used to pay for statewide tobacco cessation services administered by the commissioner of health.