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Overview

This bill contains the governor's budget proposal for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

Article 1: State Government Appropriations

Specific appropriation amounts are listed in the spreadsheet prepared by fiscal analyst Helen Roberts. A description of new spending items is contained in the governor's "change items" budget pages for each agency.

Section

- 1 **State government appropriations.** States that the sections in this article contain appropriations for FY 2018 and FY 2019. The appropriations are provided from the general fund, unless otherwise specified.
- 2 **Legislature.**
- 3 **Governor and Lieutenant Governor.**
- 4 **State Auditor.**
- 5 **Attorney General.**
- 6 **Secretary of State.**
- 7 **Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.**
- 8 **Investment Board.**
- 9 **Administrative Hearings.**

Section

- 10 MN.IT Services.**
- 11 Administration.**
- 12 Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board.**
- 13 Minnesota Management and Budget.**
- 14 Revenue.**
- 15 Gambling Control.**
- 16 Racing Commission.**
- 17 State Lottery.**
- 18 Amateur Sports Commission.**
- 19 Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage.**
- 20 Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.**
- 21 Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs.**
- 22 Indian Affairs Council.**
- 23 Minnesota Historical Society.**
- 24 Board of the Arts.**
- 25 Minnesota Humanities Center.**
- 26 Board of Accountancy.**
- 27 Board of Architecture Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture,
Geoscience, and Interior Design.**
- 28 Board of Cosmetologist Examiners.**
- 29 Board of Barber Examiners.**
- 30 General Contingent Accounts.**
- 31 Tort Claims.**
- 32 Minnesota State Retirement System.**
- 33 Public Employees Retirement Association.**
- 34 Teachers Retirement Association.**
- 35 St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund.**
- 36 Military Affairs.**
- 37 Veterans Affairs.**

Article 2: State Government Operations

- 1 Fees.** Increases a variety of fees assessed by the Board of Barber Examiners.

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- 2** **Development; criteria.** Increases a cap on the amount of a grant that may be awarded by the Amateur Sports Commission for improvement of ice centers. Grants for the elimination of the refrigerant R-22 in air cooling systems may be made up to \$250,000 for indirect cooling systems (the current law caps these grants at \$50,000) and up to \$500,000 for direct cooling systems (the current law caps these grants at \$400,000).
- 3** **Charges for courses, examinations, or materials.** Increases fees, and provides for an automatic annual fee increase of three percent, for various fees assessed by the State Board of Assessors.
- 4** **Deposit of fees and fines.** Directs that fees and fines paid to the State Board of Assessors be deposited in a dedicated account in the special revenue fund. Fees collected are appropriated to the Department of Revenue.
- 5** **Refunds of fees.** Directs that a refund or credit be provided when the State Board of Assessors determines that a fee, or any part of a fee, was paid erroneously to the board.
- 6** **Appropriation cancellations.** Cancels unspent funds from the James Metzen Mighty Ducks Ice Center Development Act to the general fund, as of June 30, 2017.

Article 3: Military Veterans Policy

- 1** **Program established.** Clarifies the types of benefits provided by the Minnesota GI bill program to include apprenticeship and on-the-job training benefits, and other professional and educational benefits.
- 2** **Duties; responsibilities.** Provides conforming references to reflect the benefits provided under the Minnesota GI bill program, as described in section 1.
- 3** **Eligibility.** Provides a technical clarification to the eligibility requirements for the Minnesota GI bill program.
- 4** **Educational assistance amount.** Eliminates a per-semester cap on the amount of Minnesota GI bill assistance that may be provided to an eligible recipient, and adds additional detail on how the assistance may be used.
- 5** **Apprenticeship and on-the-job training.** Updates language related to eligibility determinations for apprenticeship and on-the-job training benefits under the Minnesota GI bill program. Various caps on the per-fiscal-year amount of the benefit are increased.