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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**

- Tobacco settlement recovery account. Amends § 16A.98, subd. 12. Transfers a blank amount from the tobacco settlement residual subaccount to the commissioner of health, for deposit in the tobacco cessation account being established in the special revenue fund. This transferred money will be used to fund the administration of statewide tobacco cessation services according to section 2. The tobacco settlement residual subaccount is one of three subaccounts established in the tobacco settlement recovery account; the tobacco settlement recovery account is located outside the state treasury.
- 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.