

Subject Hometown Heroes Assistance Program

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## Overview

This bill creates a hometown heroes assistance program to provide financial assistance to firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer or heart disease.

## Summary

Section	Description
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1	<b>Hometown heroes assistance program.</b>
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**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines terms used in this section.

**Subd. 2. Program established.** Directs the commissioner of public safety to award a grant to the MN Firefighter Initiative to administer a hometown heroes assistance program for MN firefighters. The MN Firefighter Initiative is tasked with providing a onetime monetary payment to firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer or heart disease; developing a trauma counseling program for firefighters; and developing training and educational materials to help firefighters reduce the inherent health risks associated with their profession.

**Subd. 3. Critical illness monetary support program.** Entitles firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer or heart disease to receive a onetime payment of up to \$30,000. Establishes additional eligibility and application requirements. Directs the MN Firefighters Initiative to establish criteria to disburse available grant funds.

**Subd. 4. Money from nonstate sources.** Authorizes the commissioner to accept funds from nonstate sources to fund the program.

2	<b>Appropriation.</b>
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Appropriates an unspecified amount to fund the hometown heroes assistance program.



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