

Subject Lake Mille Lacs economic relief program loan forgiveness

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Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of employment and economic development to request that Mille Lacs County forgive all outstanding loans issued under a 2016 economic relief program for businesses affected by the decline in walleye fishing on Lake Mille Lacs. It also retroactively modifies the law establishing that program to:

- 1) allow forgiveness of more than 50 percent of a loan to a business; and
- 2) remove the requirement that loans not be forgiven unless the business remains in operation in the community for at least ten years.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Available relief.
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Retroactively allows more than 50 percent of the principle of a loan to be forgiven and removes the requirement that loans not be forgiven unless the business has stayed in operation in the community for at least ten years after the loan is approved.

Effective date: This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2016.

2	Mille Lacs loan forgiveness.
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Directs the commissioner of employment and economic development to request that Mille Lacs County forgive all outstanding loans issued under the Lake Mille Lacs economic relief program. Requires the commissioner to modify as necessary any terms of the grant to Mille Lacs County for that program.