FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, April 16, 2026

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Murphy imposed a call of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Deacon Kevin Conneely.

The members of the Senate gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present:

Abeler	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Marty	Rasmusson
Bahr	Fateh	Johnson	Mathews	Rest
Boldon	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Seeberger
Carlson	Green	Klein	McEwen	Utke
Champion	Gruenhagen	Koran	Mohamed	Weber
Clark	Gustafson	Kreun	Murphy	Wesenberg
Coleman	Hauschild	Kunesh	Nelson	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Kupec	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Dahms	Heintzeman	Lang	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Pha	Xiong
Dornink	Hoffman	Lieske	Port	
Draheim	Holmstrom	Limmer	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lucero	Putnam	
Duckworth	Howe	Mann	Rarick	

The President declared a quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal, as printed and corrected, was approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senator Murphy moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted, with the exception of the reports on S.F. Nos. 4515, 5046, 4898, 2321, 4932, 4737, 4535, and 4244. The motion prevailed.

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 4511: A bill for an act relating to public safety; prohibiting certain wagers and other activities regarding prediction markets; making certain criminal convictions a disqualification for receiving a lawful gambling license; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 299L.03, subdivision 12; 609.75, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Report adopted.

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 4515: A bill for an act relating to lawful gambling; modifying certain prize and ticket limits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349.211, subdivision 2b.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred

S.F. No. 5046: A bill for an act relating to commerce; eliminating the Prescription Drug Affordability Advisory Council; modifying various provisions governing nondepository financial institutions; providing for health plan regulatory alignment; transferring duties and employees; modifying the premium security plan; appropriating money and making reductions; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 47.20, subdivision 1; 47.59, subdivision 1; 47.60, subdivision 1; 53.04, subdivision 3a; 53B.74; 53C.09, subdivision 4; 56.002; 56.01; 56.05; 58.06, subdivision 2; 58B.051; 60A.50, subdivisions 1, 3; 60A.951, subdivision 3; 60A.985, subdivision 8; 60A.9853, subdivision 1; 60A.9854; 60B.03, subdivision 2; 60G.01, subdivisions 2, 4; 62A.02, subdivision 8; 62A.021, subdivision 1; 62A.61; 62A.65, subdivisions 7, 8; 62D.08, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 7, by adding a subdivision; 62D.12, subdivision 1; 62D.124, subdivision 5; 62D.221, subdivisions 1, 2; 62E.11, subdivisions 9, 13; 62E.23, subdivision 1; 62J.40; 62J.60, subdivision 5; 62J.89, subdivisions 1, 2; 62J.90, subdivision 2; 62K.07, subdivision 2; 62L.02, subdivision 8; 62L.08, subdivision 11; 62L.09, subdivision 3; 62L.10, subdivision 4; 62L.11, subdivision 2; 62M.11; 62Q.01, subdivision 2; 62Q.106; 62Q.188, subdivision 2; 62Q.37, subdivision 2; 62Q.47; 62Q.51, subdivision 3; 62Q.556, subdivisions 3, 4; 62Q.69, subdivisions 2, 3; 62Q.71; 62Q.73, subdivisions 3, 10; 62Q.81, subdivision 7; 62U.04, subdivision 13; 62W.06, by adding a subdivision; 332.52, subdivision 3; 332A.04, subdivision 1; 332B.04, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 62D.21; 62D.211; 62E.23, subdivisions 1a, 2; 297I.20, subdivision 7; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 60A; 62D; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 56.08; 62J.86, subdivision 2; 62J.88; 332A.02, subdivision 2; 332B.02, subdivision 2.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4898: A bill for an act relating to legislature; restricting use of legislative email, telephone numbers, and office space; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 13, after "to" insert "support"

Page 1, line 14, delete "house" and insert "legislative body"

Page 1, line 22, delete everything after "exclusive" and insert "and are in lieu of any other remedies at law or in equity"

Page 2, delete lines 1 and 2

Page 2, line 3, delete everything before the period

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2321: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; requiring local governments to establish replacement accounts to maintain and replace capital projects that receive state funding; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16A.86, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

Subd. 3a. **Information provided.** All requests for state assistance under this section must include the following information:

(1) the name of the political subdivision that will own the capital project for which state assistance is being requested;

(2) the public purpose of the project;

(3) the extent to which the political subdivision has or expects to provide local, private, user financing, or other nonstate funding for the project;

(4) a list of the bondable activities that the project encompasses; examples of bondable activities are public improvements of a capital nature for land acquisition, predesign, design, construction, and furnishing and equipping for occupancy;

(5) whether the project will require new or additional state operating subsidies;

(6) whether the governing body of the political subdivision requesting the project has passed a resolution in support of the project and has established priorities for all projects within its jurisdiction for which bonding appropriations are requested when submitting multiple requests;

(7) whether the political subdivision has a plan for maintenance and preservation of the project, including safety and security, maintenance and utility costs, availability of repair parts and materials, sustainability, and any other criteria the political subdivision deems relevant;

~~(7)~~ (8) if the project requires a predesign under section 16B.335, whether the predesign has been completed at the time the capital project request is submitted, and whether the political subdivision has submitted the project predesign to the commissioner of administration for review and approval; and

~~(8)~~ (9) if applicable, the information required under section 473.4485, subdivision 1a.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2027."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to capital investment; modifying information to be provided for capital project grants to political subdivisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16A.86, subdivision 3a."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4932: A bill for an act relating to state government; authorizing the rounding of a payment or transfer of cash; changing a provision in health insurance benefit plans offered in the nonrepresented employees compensation plan and the managerial plan in chapter 43A; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 43A.23, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, after line 5, insert:

"Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 43A.231, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Report; savings determination; process for selecting successor pharmacy benefit manager.** (a) The commissioner of management and budget, with the assistance of an actuarial consultant, shall compare the following: (1) actual, electronically adjudicated prescription drug costs under the first two years of the contract that begins on January 1, 2023, with a pharmacy benefit manager that was selected by the reverse auction; and (2) a projection of what prescription drug costs would have been for those same two years under the pharmacy benefit manager contract in effect from 2018 to 2022, with appropriate adjustment for any adopted formulary or beneficiary utilization changes. The projection must use industry-recognized data sources. The commissioner of management and budget shall report the results of the comparison to the legislative auditor and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over state government finance and policy by March 1, 2025.

(b) The commissioner of management and budget must require the actuarial consultant to take appropriate measures to ensure that the consultant's work is not compromised by a conflict of interest.

(c) By April 1, 2025, the legislative auditor shall provide a report to the commissioner of management and budget and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over state government finance and policy. The legislative auditor's report must make a determination as to whether the commissioner's report accurately performs the comparison required under paragraph (a).

(d) The technology platform vendor shall provide to the commissioner of management and budget and to the legislative auditor the electronically adjudicated prescription drug data and any other support or assistance required by the commissioner of management and budget to prepare a report and for the legislative auditor to validate the accuracy of the commissioner's results of the comparison, by deadlines established by the commissioner of management and budget and the legislative auditor. Individual-identifying data received from the technology platform vendor is private data on individuals, as defined by section 13.02, subdivision 12.

(e) If the commissioner of management and budget determines that savings on prescription drug costs were not achieved, based on the comparison required under paragraph (a), with appropriate adjustment for any adopted formulary or beneficiary utilization changes, the commissioner may forego the use of a reverse auction for procurement of a successor pharmacy benefit manager contract. If the commissioner of management and budget determines that savings have been achieved, the commissioner must select the successor pharmacy benefit manager contract using the reverse auction process described in this section. If the commissioner's comparison in paragraph (a) finds that savings are not achieved, the commissioner's report under paragraph (a) must include the commissioner's findings that support a determination that savings were not achieved, analysis of the factors that caused a failure to achieve savings, and recommendations for how savings could be achieved in the next contract with a pharmacy benefit manager. <u>If the commissioner's comparison in paragraph (a) is inconclusive, the commissioner may forego the use of a reverse auction for procurement of a successor pharmacy benefit manager contract.</u>"

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 5, after the semicolon, insert "eliminating a requirement for a reverse auction process to select a pharmacy benefit manager for the state employees group health insurance plan;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4059: A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for operations of public television stations in greater Minnesota.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 20, section 12, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter 75, section 13, and Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 67, section 15, is amended to read:

Sec. 12. **COMMISSIONER OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**	**$ 12,932,000**	**$ ~~3,412,000~~ 2,412,000**

(a) **Outcomes and evaluation consultation.** $450,000 in fiscal year 2024 and $450,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for outcomes and evaluation consultation requirements.

(b) **Department of Children, Youth, and Families.** $11,931,000 in fiscal year 2024 and ~~$2,066,000~~ $1,066,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to establish the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. This is a onetime appropriation.

(c) **Health care subcabinet.** $551,000 in fiscal year 2024 and $664,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to hire an executive director for the health care subcabinet and to provide staffing and administrative support for the health care subcabinet.

(d) **Base level adjustment.** The general fund base is $1,114,000 in fiscal year 2026 and $1,114,000 in fiscal year 2027.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Laws 2025, chapter 39, article 1, section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **LEGISLATURE**

Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation**	**$ ~~112,970,000~~ 114,370,000**	**$ ~~114,534,000~~ 115,346,000**
The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions. The base for this appropriation is ~~$112,818,000~~ $113,704,000 in fiscal year 2028 and $113,930,000 in fiscal year 2029 and each fiscal year thereafter.		
Subd. 2. **Senate**	~~38,238,000~~ 39,356,000	~~39,690,000~~ 40,398,000
The base for this appropriation is $40,421,000 in fiscal year 2028 and $40,641,000 in fiscal year 2029 and each fiscal year thereafter.		
Subd. 3. **House of Representatives**	~~42,375,000~~ 42,657,000	~~41,163,000~~ 41,267,000
The base for this appropriation is ~~$39,437,000~~ $39,592,000 in fiscal year 2028 and $39,598,000 in fiscal year 2029 and each fiscal year thereafter.		
Subd. 4. **Legislative Coordinating Commission**	32,357,000	33,681,000
The base for this appropriation is $33,691,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.		
Legislative Auditor. $12,365,000 the first year and $12,857,000 the second year are for the Office of the Legislative Auditor. The base for this appropriation is $12,867,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.		
Revisor of Statutes. $9,094,000 the first year and $9,466,000 the second year are for the Office of the Revisor of Statutes.		
Legislative Reference Library. $2,278,000 the first year and $2,369,000 the second year are for the Legislative Reference Library.		

Legislative Budget Office. $2,800,000 the first year and $2,965,000 the second year are for the Legislative Budget Office.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

$1,231,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the attorney general for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.**

(a) $1,925,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of administration for grants to public television stations for operations. Of this amount, $350,000 is for a grant to Pioneer PBS; $475,000 is for a grant to Lakeland PBS; $650,000 is for a grant to KSMQ; $250,000 is for a grant to PBS North; and $200,000 is for a grant to Prairie Public television.

(b) $1,193,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of administration for information technology costs and administration of the payroll reporting portal and database established under Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.37.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION; MELISSA HORTMAN MEMORIAL.**

(a) $800,000 of the appropriation to implement the updated Capitol Mall Design Framework under Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 1, section 11, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 2025, chapter 39, article 1, section 39, is to design and cast a statue recognizing Melissa Hortman's historic contributions to the state of Minnesota. The statue shall be incorporated into the design of a memorial garden on the State Office Building site by the Department of Administration. Minnesota Rules, part 2400.2703, shall not apply to the activities funded under this section.

(b) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board must select the artist via a competitive process and consult with the immediate family of Melissa Hortman throughout the selection and design approval process. The statue design shall include the likeness of deceased family members of Melissa Hortman.

(c) Any unspent portion of the money under this section remaining after the casting of the statue is available for additional landscaping elements on the memorial garden site.

(d) The money under this section is available until June 30, 2029.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

ARTICLE 2

BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.001, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Board of Barber Examiners.** (a) A Board of Barber Examiners is established to consist of four barber members and one public member, as defined in section 214.02, appointed by the governor.

(b) The barber members shall be persons who have practiced as registered barbers in this state for at least five years immediately prior to their appointment; shall be graduates from the 12th grade of a high school or have equivalent education, and shall have knowledge of the matters to be taught in registered barber schools, as set forth in section 154.07. ~~One of the barber members shall be a member of, or recommended by, a union of journeymen barbers that has existed at least two years, and one barber member shall be a member of, or recommended by, a professional organization of barbers.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.003, is amended to read:

154.003 FEES.

(a) The fees collected, as required in this chapter, chapter 214, and the rules of the board, shall be paid to the board. The board shall deposit the fees in the general fund in the state treasury.

(b) The board shall charge the following fees:

(1) practical examination ~~and certificate~~, registered barber, ~~$85~~ $80;

~~(2) retake of written examination, $10;~~

(2) initial barber registration, $80;

(3) examination and certificate, instructor, $180;

(4) certificate, instructor, $65;

(5) temporary teacher permit, $80;

(6) temporary registered barber, military, $85;

(7) temporary barber instructor, military, $180;

(8) renewal of registration, registered barber, $80;

(9) renewal of registration, instructor, $80;

(10) renewal of temporary teacher permit, $65;

(11) student permit, $45;

(12) renewal of student permit, $25;

(13) initial shop registration, $85;

(14) initial school registration, $1,030;

(15) renewal shop registration, $85;

(16) renewal school registration, $280;

(17) restoration of registered barber registration, $95;

(18) restoration of shop registration, $105;

(19) change of ownership or location, $55;

(20) duplicate registration, $40;

(21) home study course, $75;

(22) letter of registration verification, $25; and

(23) reinspection, $100.

(c) If the board uses a board-approved examination provider for any portion of the comprehensive registered barber examination and the provider charges a fee, an examinee must pay the fee directly to the provider. A fee charged by a provider under this paragraph is separate from and not included in the fees that an examinee pays to the board.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.01, is amended to read:

154.01 REGISTRATION MANDATORY.

(a) The registration of the practice of barbering serves the public health and safety of the people of the state of Minnesota by ensuring that individuals seeking to practice the profession of barbering are appropriately trained in the use of the chemicals, tools, and implements of barbering and demonstrate the skills necessary to conduct barber services in a safe, sanitary, and appropriate environment required for infection control.

(b) No person shall practice, offer to practice, or attempt to practice barbering without a current certificate of registration as a registered barber, issued ~~pursuant to provisions of sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28~~ by the Board of Barber Examiners.

(c) A registered barber must only provide barbering services in a registered barber shop or barber school, unless prior authorization is given by the board.

(d) No person shall operate a barber shop unless it is at all times under the direct supervision and management of a registered barber and the owner or operator of the barber shop possesses a current shop registration card, issued to the barber shop establishment address~~, under sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28~~ by the Board of Barber Examiners.

(e) No person shall serve, offer to serve, or attempt to serve as an instructor of barbering without a current certificate of registration as a registered instructor of barbering or a temporary permit as an instructor of barbering, as provided for the board by rule, issued ~~under sections 154.001, 154.002,~~

~~154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28~~ by the Board of Barber Examiners. Barber instruction must be provided in registered barber schools only.

(f) No person shall operate a barber school unless the owner or operator possesses a current certificate of registration as a barber school, issued ~~under sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28~~ by the Board of Barber Examiners.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **What constitutes barbering.** Any one or any combination of the following practices when done upon the head, face, and neck for cosmetic purposes and not for the treatment of disease or physical or mental ailments and when done for payment directly or indirectly or without payment for the public generally constitutes the practice of barbering within the meaning of ~~sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28~~ this chapter: to shave the face or neck using a straight razor or other tool, trim the beard, clean, condition, cut, color, shape, or straighten the hair of any person of either sex for compensation or other reward received by the person performing such service or any other person; to give facial and scalp massage with oils, creams, lotions, or other preparations either by hand or mechanical appliances; to singe, shampoo the hair, or apply hair tonics; or to apply cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, powders, oils, clays, or lotions to hair, scalp, face, or neck. The removal of hair through the process of waxing is not barbering.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.02, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Certificate of registration.** A "certificate of registration" means the certificate issued to an individual, a barber shop, or a barber school that is in compliance with ~~the requirements of sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28~~ this chapter.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Straight razor.** A straight razor is a razor with a rigid steel cutting blade or a replaceable blade that is hinged to a case that forms a handle when the razor is open for use.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. **Waxing.** Waxing is the process of removing hair from a part of the body by applying wax and peeling off the wax.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.05, is amended to read:

154.05 WHO MAY RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION AS A REGISTERED BARBER.

~~(a)~~ A person is qualified to receive a certificate of registration as a registered barber if the person:

(1) ~~has successfully completed ten grades of education~~ is at least 17 years of age;

(2) has successfully completed 1,500 hours of study of which 281 hours are classroom hours and 1,219 hours are practical hours in a board-approved barber school; and

(3) has passed ~~an~~ a comprehensive examination ~~conducted by the board~~ in accordance with section 154.09 to determine the person's fitness to practice barbering.

~~(b) A first-time applicant for a certificate of registration to practice as a registered barber who fails to pass the comprehensive examination conducted by the board and who fails to pass a onetime retake of the written examination, shall complete an additional 500 hours of barber education before being eligible to retake the comprehensive examination as many times as necessary to pass.~~

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Admission requirements; course of instruction.** No barber school shall be approved by the board unless ~~it~~ the barber school requires, ~~as a prerequisite to admission, ten grades of an approved school or its equivalent, as determined by educational transcript, high school diploma, high school equivalency certificate, or an examination conducted by the commissioner of education, which shall issue a certificate that the student has passed the required examination, and unless it requires,~~ as a prerequisite to graduation, a course of instruction of at least 1,500 hours of not more than ten hours of schooling in any one working day. The course of instruction must include the following subjects: scientific fundamentals for barbering; hygiene; practical study of the hair, skin, muscles, and nerves; structure of the head, face, and neck; elementary chemistry relating to sanitation; disinfection; sterilization and antiseptics; diseases of the skin, hair, and glands; massaging and manipulating the muscles of the face and neck; haircutting; shaving; trimming the beard; bleaching, tinting and dyeing the hair; and the chemical waving and straightening of hair.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Application review process.** (a) Upon receipt of an application to establish a barber school, the board must consider the application during a meeting that is open to the public. At the meeting, the applicant must demonstrate that:

(1) the contents of the application are true, as required by chapter 154 and the rules of the board; and

(2) the applicant has sufficient financial resources to fund the barber school.

(b) The board may deny an application if the board determines that the applicant's financial resources would be insufficient to:

(1) maintain and operate a barber school; and

(2) ensure that the barber school would be open long enough for all registered students to graduate from the barber school.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.08, is amended to read:

154.08 APPLICATION; FEE.

Each applicant for an examination shall:

(1) make an application to the Board of Barber Examiners or a board-approved examination provider on blank forms prepared and furnished by ~~it, the application to~~ the board or the

board-approved provider. The application must contain proof under the applicant's oath of the particular qualifications and identity of the applicant;

(2) provide all documentation required in support of the application;

(3) pay to the board the required fee; ~~and~~

(4) upon acceptance of the notarized application, present a corresponding government-issued photo identification when the applicant appears for the examination~~.~~; and

(5) file an application with the board no later than the twentieth day of the month preceding the month when the practical portion of the exam is administered.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.09, is amended to read:

154.09 EXAMINATIONS, CONDUCT AND SCOPE.

Subdivision 1. **Examination dates.** The board or a board-approved examination provider shall conduct practical examinations of applicants for certificates of registration to practice as registered barbers not more than ~~six~~ eight times each year, at such time and place as the board may determine. ~~Additional~~ Written examinations may be scheduled ~~by the board~~ and conducted by board staff or a board-approved provider as designated by the board.

Subd. 2. **Documentation required.** The ~~proprietor~~ owner or operator of a barber school must file an affidavit with the board of hours completed by students applying to take the ~~registered barber~~ comprehensive examination. Students must complete the full 1,500-hour curriculum in a barber school approved by the board ~~within the past four years~~ to be eligible for the examination. ~~Barber students who have completed barber school more than four years prior to application, that have not obtained a barber registration, license, or certificate in any jurisdiction must complete an additional 500 hours of barber school education to be eligible for the registered barber examination.~~

Subd. 3. **Examinations for registration restoration.** ~~Registered barbers that fail~~ An individual who fails to renew ~~their~~ the individual's barber registration for four or more years ~~are~~ is required to purchase and complete the "Home Study Course for Barbers" program that was prepared and approved by the board before the individual is eligible to apply to take the ~~registered barber~~ comprehensive examination to reinstate the individual's registration.

Subd. 4. **Examinations for individuals seeking reciprocity.** An individual who must pass the comprehensive examination under section 154.11 must purchase and complete the "Home Study Course for Barbers" program that was prepared and approved by the board before the individual is eligible to take the comprehensive examination.

Subd. 5. **Contents of examination.** The comprehensive examination ~~of applicants for certificates of registration as barbers shall~~ must include:

(1) a practical ~~demonstration~~ portion that consists of: a haircut and three of the following practical services that the board shall determine: a shave, a beard trim, a shampoo, a perm wrap, a facial, or a color application; and

(2) a written ~~test. The examination must cover~~ portion that covers the subjects taught in barber schools ~~registered with the board, including~~ as required by this chapter, applicable state ~~statute~~ statutes, and ~~rule~~ rules.

Subd. 6. **Examination grading.** The comprehensive examination must be graded as follows:

(1) the grading for the practical portion of the examination must be on a scale of one to 100, with 100 representing a perfect score. A score of 75 must be the minimum passing grade for the haircut portion and 75 must be the minimum passing score for the average of the remaining parts of the practical examination; and

(2) the minimum passing score for the written portion of the examination is 75 percent.

Subd. 7. **Failure of examination.** (a) An individual who does not pass one portion of the comprehensive examination within a year of passing the other portion of the comprehensive examination must retake the entire comprehensive examination.

(b) An individual who has failed a portion of the comprehensive examination may retake that portion of the examination within a year of passing the other portion after meeting the requirements of this chapter, paying any required fees, and making an application to the board as required by section 154.08.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Examination of nonresidents.** (a) A person who meets all of the requirements for barber registration in ~~sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28~~ this chapter and either has a currently active license, certificate of registration, or equivalent as a practicing barber or instructor of barbering as verified from another state or, if presenting foreign country credentials as verified by a board-approved professional credential evaluation provider, which in the discretion of the board has substantially the same requirements for registering barbers and instructors of barbering as required ~~by sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28~~ in this chapter shall, upon payment of the required fee, be issued a certificate of registration without examination.

(b) Individuals without a current documented license, certificate of registration, or equivalent, as verified in paragraph (a), must have a minimum of 1,500 hours of barber education as verified by the barber school attended in the other state or if presenting foreign country education as verified by a board-approved professional credential evaluation provider, completed within the previous four years, which, in the discretion of the board, has substantially the same requirements as required in ~~sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28~~ this chapter will be eligible for examination.

(c) Individuals unable to meet the requirements in paragraph (a) or (b) shall be subject to all the requirements of section 154.05.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 154.11, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. **Examination of cosmetologists.** (a) A person may be credited with up to 1,000 hours of study toward the 1,500 hours of study required under section 154.05 if the person:

(1) has hours of study that the board determines are substantially similar to the requirements in section 154.07;

(2) has a currently active license verified by the issuing state or a certificate of registration verified by the issuing state, or equivalent, as a practicing cosmetologist; or

(3) has credentials as a practicing cosmetologist from a foreign country that are verified by a board-approved professional credential evaluation provider and the board has determined that the foreign country's curriculum requirements are substantially similar to the requirements in section 154.07.

(b) After a person with credited hours under paragraph (a) completes the remaining required hours in a board-approved barber school and meets the requirements of section 154.05, clause (1), the person is eligible for the comprehensive examination.

Sec. 15. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Rules, parts 2100.2500; 2100.2600; 2100.2900; 2100.3000; 2100.3200; 2100.3300; 2100.4500; 2100.5200, subparts 1, 2, and 5; 2100.5300; and 2100.6000, are repealed.

ARTICLE 3

BOARD OF COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.20, is amended to read:

155A.20 BOARD OF COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS CREATED; TERMS.

(a) A Board of Cosmetologist Examiners is established to consist of seven members, appointed by the governor as follows:

(1) two cosmetologists, one of whom is recommended by a professional association of cosmetologists, nail technicians, and estheticians;

(2) two school instructors, one of whom is teaching at a public cosmetology school in the state and one of whom is teaching at a private cosmetology school in the state;

(3) one advanced practice esthetician;

(4) one nail technician; and

(5) one public member, as defined in section 214.02.

(b) All cosmetologist, advanced practice esthetician, and nail technician members must be currently licensed in the field of cosmetology, nail technology, or ~~esthetology,~~ advanced practice esthiology in Minnesota~~,~~; have practiced in the licensed occupation for at least five years immediately prior to their appointment~~, be graduates from grade 12 of high school or have equivalent education,~~; and have knowledge of sections 155A.21 to 155A.36 and Minnesota Rules, chapters 2105 and 2110.

(c) Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements ~~shall~~ must be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision of staff, administrative services, and office space; the review and processing of complaints; the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations ~~shall~~ must be as provided in chapter 214.

(d) Members appointed to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or removal ~~shall~~ must serve during the unexpired term of their predecessors.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.23, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Cosmetologist.** A "cosmetologist" is any person who, for compensation, performs ~~the~~ personal services~~, as defined in subdivision 3~~ for the cosmetic care of the hair, nails, and stratum corneum of the epidermal layer of the skin surface.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.23, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Esthetician.** An "esthetician" is any person who, for compensation, performs personal services for the cosmetic care of the stratum corneum of the epidermal layer of the skin surface only.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.23, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Manager.** A "manager" is any person who is a cosmetologist, esthetician, advanced practice esthetician, hair technician, nail technician ~~practitioner~~, or eyelash technician, and who has a manager license and provides any services under that license, as defined in subdivision 3.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.23, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **Salon.** A "salon" is an indoor area, room, or rooms employed to offer personal services, as defined in subdivision 3. ~~"Salon"~~ Salon does not include the home of a customer but the board may adopt health and infection control rules governing practice in the homes of customers.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.23, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **School.** A "school" is a place where ~~any person operates and maintains a class to teach~~ cosmetology instruction or training is offered to the public for compensation. ~~"School"~~ School does not include a place ~~where the only teaching of cosmetology is done by a licensed cosmetologist as part of a community education program of less than ten hours duration, provided that the program does not permit practice on persons other than students in the program, and provided that the program is intended solely for the self-improvement of the students~~ that only offers continuing education according to this chapter, additional instruction or training to licensees on services within the licensee's scope of practice, or community education programs for personal enrichment and not as preparation for professional practice.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.23, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10a. **School administrator.** "School administrator" means the proprietor, if the applicant is a proprietorship; the managing partner, if the applicant is a partnership; the authorized officers, if the applicant is a corporation, association, company, firm, society, or trust; or the dean, principal,

or other authorized signatory, if the applicant is a school in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system or a secondary school.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.23, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

Subd. 18. **Practitioner.** A "practitioner" is any person licensed as an operator or manager in the practice of cosmetology, esthiology, advanced practice esthiology, hair technology services, nail technology services, or eyelash technology services.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.25, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Schedule.** (a) The schedule for fees and penalties is as provided in this subdivision.

(b) Three-year license fees are as follows:

(1) $195 initial practitioner, manager, or instructor license, divided as follows:

(i) $155 for each initial license; and

(ii) $40 for each initial license application fee;

(2) $115 renewal of practitioner license, divided as follows:

(i) $100 for each renewal license; and

(ii) $15 for each renewal application fee;

(3) $145 renewal of manager or instructor license, divided as follows:

(i) $130 for each renewal license; and

(ii) $15 for each renewal application fee;

(4) $350 initial salon license, divided as follows:

(i) $250 for each initial license; and

(ii) $100 for each initial license application fee;

(5) $225 renewal of salon license, divided as follows:

(i) $175 for each renewal; and

(ii) $50 for each renewal application fee;

(6) $4,000 initial school license, divided as follows:

(i) $3,000 for each initial license; and

(ii) $1,000 for each initial license application fee; and

(7) $2,500 renewal of school license, divided as follows:

(i) $2,000 for each renewal; and

(ii) $500 for each renewal application fee.

(c) Penalties may be assessed in amounts up to the following:

(1) reinspection fee, $150;

(2) manager and owner with expired practitioner or instructor found on inspection, $150 each;

(3) expired practitioner or instructor found on inspection, $200;

(4) expired salon found on inspection, $500;

(5) expired school found on inspection, $1,000;

(6) failure to display current license, $100;

(7) failure to dispose of single-use equipment, implements, or materials as provided under section 155A.355, subdivision 1, $500;

(8) use of prohibited razor-type callus shavers, rasps, or graters under section 155A.355, subdivision 2, $500;

~~(9) performing nail or cosmetology services in esthetician salon, or performing esthetician or cosmetology services in a nail salon, $500;~~

~~(10) owner and manager allowing an operator to work as an independent contractor, $200;~~

~~(11) operator working as an independent contractor, $100;~~

~~(12)~~ (9) refusal or failure to cooperate with an inspection, $500;

~~(13)~~ (10) practitioner late renewal fee, $45; and

~~(14)~~ (11) salon or school late renewal fee, $50.

(d) Administrative fees are as follows:

(1) homebound service permit, $50 three-year fee;

(2) name change, $20;

(3) certification of licensure, $30 each;

(4) duplicate license, $20;

~~(5) special event permit, $75 per year;~~

~~(6) $100~~ (5) no fee for ~~each~~ a temporary military license for a cosmetologist, nail technician, esthetician, ~~or~~ advanced practice esthetician ~~one-year fee~~, or eyelash technician;

~~(7)~~ (6) expedited initial individual license, $150;

~~(8)~~ (7) expedited initial salon license, $300;

~~(9)~~ (8) instructor continuing education provider approval, $150 each year; and

~~(10)~~ (9) practitioner continuing education provider approval, $150 each year.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.25, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Other licenses.** A licensee who applies for licensing in a second category ~~shall~~ must pay the full license fee and application fee for the second category of license. If maintaining more than one license, a licensee must pay the renewal and application fee for each license except as provided in section 155A.27, subdivision 6b.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.25, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Board must approve or deny application; timeline.** Within 15 working days of receiving a complete application and the required fees, if any, to apply for or renew an individual or salon license that is not an expedited license or a military license, the board must (1) issue the license, (2) deny the license and notify the applicant of the denial, or (3) if the conditions in subdivision 6 are met, notify the applicant that the board must conduct additional review.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.25, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Temporary military license or expedited license.** Within five business days of receiving a completed application and the required fees, if any, for an individual or salon license that meets requirements for an expedited license or a temporary military license, the board must: (1) issue the license; (2) deny the license and notify the applicant of the denial; or (3) notify the applicant that the board must conduct additional review if the application meets the conditions in subdivision 8.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.27, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

Subd. 5a. **Temporary military license.** The board ~~shall~~ must establish temporary licenses for a cosmetologist, a hair technician, a nail technician, an eyelash technician, an esthetician, and an advanced practice esthetician in accordance with section 197.4552, subdivision 2. A temporary license issued under section 197.4552, subdivision 2, is valid for a three-year licensing period. The board must only issue one temporary license per applicant.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.27, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6a. **Instructor license renewal.** (a) When issuing an instructor license to an individual who holds an operator or a salon manager license in the same classification, the board must extend the expiration date of the operator or salon manager license so that both licenses in the same classification expire on the same date.

(b) When an individual simultaneously renews an instructor license and an operator or a salon manager license in the same classification, the board must charge the individual only the instructor

renewal license and renewal application fee according to section 155A.25, subdivision 1a, paragraph (b), clause (3), and must not charge a fee for renewing the operator or salon manager license.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2028.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.27, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **Nonresident licenses.** (a) A nonresident cosmetologist, a hair technician, an advanced practice esthetician, a nail technician, an esthetician, or an eyelash technician may be licensed in Minnesota if the individual has completed cosmetology school in a state or country with the same or greater school hour requirements, has an active license in that state or country, ~~and~~ has passed a board-approved theory and practice-based examination, and has passed the Minnesota-specific written operator examination ~~for cosmetologist, hair technician, nail technician, esthetician~~. If a test is used to verify the qualifications ~~of trained cosmetologists~~, the test ~~should~~ must be translated into the nonresident's native language within the limits of available resources. Licenses ~~shall~~ must not be issued under this subdivision for managers or instructors.

(b) If an individual has less than the required number of school hours, the individual must have had a current active license in another state or country for at least three years and have passed a board-approved theory and practice-based examination~~,~~ and the Minnesota-specific written operator examination ~~for cosmetologist, hair technician, nail technician, esthetician~~. If a test is used to verify the qualifications ~~of trained cosmetologists~~, the test ~~should~~ must be translated into the nonresident's native language within the limits of available resources. Licenses must not be issued under this subdivision for managers or instructors.

(c) Applicants claiming training and experience in a foreign country ~~shall~~ must supply official English-language translations of all required documents from a board-approved source.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.27, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. **Reciprocity for barbers.** A person who is a registered barber under chapter 154 may be granted credit up to 500 hours, as determined by a Minnesota-licensed cosmetology school, toward the required hours of study for a license in cosmetology or hair technology if the person:

(1) provides the cosmetology school with a verification of registration issued from the Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners verifying that the person has an active Minnesota barber registration; and

(2) holds an active Minnesota barber registration at the time that the person applies for a license in cosmetology or hair technology.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.271, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Continuing education providers.** (a) Only a board-licensed school of cosmetology, a postsecondary institution as ~~defined~~ described in section 136A.103, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), or a board-recognized professional association organized under chapter 317A may be approved by

the board to offer continuing education for credit under subdivision 1, paragraph (a). Continuing education under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), may be offered by a:

(1) board-licensed school of cosmetology;

(2) board-recognized professional association organized under chapter 317A; or

(3) board-licensed salon.

An approved school or professional association may offer web-based continuing education instruction to achieve maximum involvement of licensees. Continuing education providers are encouraged to offer classes available in foreign language formats.

(b) Board approval of any continuing education provider is valid for one calendar year and is contingent upon submission and preapproval of the lesson plan or plans with learning objectives for the class to be offered and the payment of the application fee in section 155A.25, subdivision 1a, paragraph (d), clause (10). The board ~~shall~~ must maintain a list of approved providers and courses on the board's website. The board may revoke authorization of a continuing education provider at any time for just cause and the board may demand return of documents required under subdivision 3.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.29, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Requirements.** The conditions and process by which a salon is licensed ~~shall~~ must be established by the board by rule. In addition to those requirements, ~~no~~ a license ~~shall~~ must not be issued unless the board first determines that the conditions in clauses (1) to (4) have been satisfied:

(1) compliance with all local and state laws, particularly relating to matters of infection control, health, and safety;

(2) the ~~employment~~ appointment of a manager, as defined in section 155A.23, subdivision 8;

(3) if applicable, evidence of compliance with workers' compensation section 176.182; and

(4) evidence of continued professional liability insurance coverage of at least $25,000 for each claim and $50,000 total coverage for each policy year for each ~~operator~~ practitioner.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.30, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Applications.** Application for a license ~~shall~~ must be prepared on forms furnished by the board and ~~shall~~ must contain the following and such other information as may be required:

(1) the name of the school, together with ownership and controlling officers, members, and managing employees;

(2) the specific fields of instruction which will be offered and reconciliation of the course content and length to meet the minimum standards, as prescribed in subdivision 2;

(3) the place or places where instruction will be given;

(4) a listing of the equipment available for instruction in each course offered;

(5) the maximum enrollment to be accommodated;

(6) a listing of instructors, all of whom ~~shall~~ must be licensed as provided in section 155A.27, subdivision 2, except that any school may use occasional instructors or lecturers who would add to the general or specialized knowledge of the students but who need not be licensed;

(7) a current balance sheet, income statement or documentation to show sufficient financial worth and responsibility to properly conduct a school and to assure financial resources ample to meet the school's financial obligations;

(8) other financial guarantees ~~which~~ that would assure protection of the public as determined by rule; and

(9) a copy of all written ~~material which~~ materials that the school uses ~~to solicit prospective students, including but not limited to a tuition and fee schedule, and all catalogues, brochures and other recruitment advertisements. Each school shall annually, on a date determined by the board, file with the board any new or amended materials which it has distributed during the past year~~ for prospective student enrollment, including the enrollment contract, the student handbook, and tuition and fee information.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.30, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Verification of application.** Each application ~~shall~~ must be signed and certified to under oath by ~~the proprietor if the applicant is a proprietorship, by the managing partner if the applicant is a partnership, or by the authorized officers of the applicant if the applicant is a corporation, association, company, firm, society or trust~~ a school administrator as defined in section 155A.23, subdivision 10a.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.30, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Conditions precedent to issuance.** A license must not be issued unless the board first determines that the applicant has met the requirements in clauses (1) to (9):

(1) the applicant must have a sound financial condition with sufficient resources available to meet the school's financial obligations; to refund all tuition and other charges, within a reasonable period of time, in the event of dissolution of the school or in the event of any justifiable claims for refund against the school; to provide adequate service to its students and prospective students; and to maintain proper use and support of the school;

(2) the applicant must have satisfactory training facilities with sufficient tools and equipment and the necessary number of work stations to adequately train the students currently enrolled, and those proposed to be enrolled;

(3) the applicant must employ a sufficient number of qualified instructors trained by experience and education to give the training contemplated;

(4) the premises and conditions under which the students work and study must be sanitary, healthful, and safe according to modern standards;

(5) each occupational course or program of instruction or study must be of such quality and content as to provide education and training that will adequately prepare enrolled students for testing, licensing, and entry level positions;

(6) the school must have coverage by professional liability insurance of at least $25,000 per incident and an accumulation of $150,000 for each premium year;

(7) the applicant ~~shall~~ must provide evidence of the school's compliance with section 176.182;

(8) the applicant, except the state and its political subdivisions as described in section 13.02, subdivision 11, must file with the board a continuous corporate surety bond in the amount of no less than ten percent of the preceding year's gross income from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges, but in no event less than $10,000, conditioned upon the faithful performance of all contracts and agreements with students made by the applicant. New schools must base the bond amount on the anticipated gross income from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges for the third year of operation, but in no event less than $10,000. The applicant must compute the amount of the surety bond and verify that the amount of the surety bond complies with this subdivision. The bond ~~shall~~ must run to the board and to any person who may have a cause of action against the applicant arising at any time after the bond is filed and before it is canceled for breach of any contract or agreement made by the applicant with any student. The surety of the bond may cancel it upon giving 60 days' notice in writing to the board and ~~shall~~ must be relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring after the effective date of cancellation; and

(9) the applicant must appoint a designated school manager.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.30, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Fees; renewals.** (a) Applications for initial license under sections 155A.21 to 155A.36 ~~shall~~ must be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee set forth in section 155A.25.

(b) License duration ~~shall~~ must be three years. Each renewal application ~~shall~~ must be accompanied by a nonrefundable renewal fee set forth in section 155A.25.

(c) Application for renewal of license ~~shall~~ must be made as provided in rules adopted by the board and on forms supplied by the board.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.30, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Inspections.** All schools may be inspected as often as the board considers necessary to affirm compliance. The board ~~shall have~~ has the authority to assess the cost of the inspection to the school.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.30, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **List of licensed schools; availability.** The board ~~shall~~ must maintain and make available to the public a list of licensed schools.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.30, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. ~~**Separation of**~~ **School and** ~~**professional departments**~~ **salon separation.** A school ~~shall~~ must display in the entrance reception room of ~~its~~ the school's student section a sign prominently and conspicuously indicating that all work therein is ~~done~~ performed exclusively by students. ~~Professional departments of a school shall be run~~ Any salon or business on the same premises as a school must be operated as an entirely separate and distinct ~~businesses~~ business and ~~shall~~ must have a separate ~~entrances.~~ entrance from the school. If a salon or business is located on the same premises as a school: (1) staff of the salon or business must not provide services or training in the space used by the school; and (2) staff and students of the school must not provide services or training in the space used by the salon or business.

Nothing contained in sections 155A.21 to 155A.36 ~~shall prevent~~ prevents a school from charging for student work done in the school to cover the cost of materials used and expenses incurred in and for the operation of the school. All of the student work ~~shall~~ must be prominently and conspicuously advertised and held forth as being student work and not otherwise.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.30, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. **Instruction requirements.** (a) Instruction may be offered for no more than ten hours per day per student.

(b) Instruction must be given within a licensed school building except as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d). ~~Online instruction is permitted for board-approved theory-based classes.~~

(c) A school may offer online instruction for theory-based portions of training. A school must not give practice-based ~~classes must not be given~~ training online.

(d) A school may offer activities related to the training for industry educational purposes outside of a school building when accompanied by an instructor for a maximum of one percent of the total training hours for a course.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.30, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **Minnesota state authorization.** A cosmetology school licensed or applying for licensure under this section ~~shall~~ must maintain recognition as an institution of postsecondary study by meeting the following conditions, in addition to Minnesota Rules, part 2110.0310:

(1) the school must admit as regular students only those individuals who have a high school diploma or a diploma based on passing commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency tests or their equivalent, or who are beyond the age of compulsory education as prescribed by section 120A.22; and

(2) the school must be licensed by name and authorized by the Office of Higher Education and the board to offer one or more training programs beyond the secondary level.

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.31, is amended to read:

155A.31 INSPECTIONS.

The board is responsible for inspecting salons and schools licensed pursuant to sections 155A.21 to 155A.36 to assure compliance with the requirements of sections 155A.21 to 155A.36. The board

~~shall~~ must direct board resources first to the inspection of those licensees who fail to meet the requirements of law, have indicated that they present a greater risk to the public, or have otherwise, in the opinion of the board, demonstrated that they require a greater degree of regulatory attention.

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.32, is amended to read:

155A.32 DISPLAY OF LICENSE.

Every holder of a license granted by the board ~~shall~~ must display ~~it~~ the license in a conspicuous place in the place of business.

Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Proceedings.** If the board, or a complaint committee if authorized by the board, has a reasonable basis for believing that a person has engaged in or is about to engage in a violation of a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce, the board or complaint committee may proceed as provided in subdivision 2 or 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all hearings must be conducted in accordance with ~~the Administrative Procedure Act~~ chapter 14.

Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.33, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Legal actions.** (a) When necessary to prevent an imminent violation of a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce, the board, or a complaint committee if authorized by the board, may bring an action in the name of the state in the District Court of Ramsey County in which jurisdiction is proper to enjoin the act or practice and to enforce compliance with the statute, rule, or order. On a showing that a person has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or practice that constitutes a violation of a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce, the court ~~shall~~ must grant a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate relief.

(b) For purposes of injunctive relief under this subdivision, irreparable harm exists when the board shows that a person has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or practice that constitutes violation of a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce.

(c) Injunctive relief granted under paragraph (a) does not relieve an enjoined person from criminal prosecution by a competent authority, or from action by the board under subdivision 3, 4, 5, or 6 with respect to the person's license or registration, or application for examination, license, registration, or renewal.

Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.33, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Cease and desist orders.** (a) The board, or complaint committee if authorized by the board, may issue and have served upon an unlicensed or unregistered person, or a holder of a license or registration, an order requiring the person to cease and desist from an act or practice that constitutes a violation of a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce. The order must (1) give reasonable notice of the rights of the person named in the order to request a hearing, and (2) state the reasons for the entry of the order. No order may be issued under this subdivision until an investigation of the facts has been conducted under section 214.10.

(b) Service of the order under this subdivision is effective when the order is personally served on the person or counsel of record, or served by certified mail to the most recent address provided to the board for the person or counsel of record.

(c) The board must hold a hearing under this subdivision not later than 30 days after the board receives the request for the hearing, unless otherwise agreed between the board, or complaint committee if authorized by the board, and the person requesting the hearing.

(d) Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, the administrative law judge must issue a report within 30 days of the close of the contested case hearing. Within 30 days after receiving the report and subsequent exceptions and argument, the board ~~shall~~ must issue a further order vacating, modifying, or making permanent the cease and desist order. If no hearing is requested within 30 days of service of the order, the order becomes final and remains in effect until modified or vacated by the board.

Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.33, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Licensing and registration actions.** (a) With respect to a person who is a holder of or applicant for a license or registration under this chapter, the board may by order deny, refuse to renew, suspend, temporarily suspend, or revoke the application, license, or registration, censure or reprimand the person, refuse to permit the person to sit for examination, or refuse to release the person's examination grades, if the board finds that such an order is in the public interest and that, based on a preponderance of the evidence presented, the person has:

(1) violated a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce;

(2) engaged in conduct or acts that are fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest, related to the practice of a profession regulated by this chapter, if the fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest conduct or acts reflect adversely on the person's ability or fitness to engage in the practice of the profession;

(3) engaged in conduct or acts that constitute malpractice, are negligent, demonstrate incompetence, or are otherwise in violation of the standards in the rules of the board, where the conduct or acts relate to the practice of a profession regulated by this chapter;

(4) employed fraud or deception in obtaining a license, registration, renewal, or reinstatement, or in passing all or a portion of the examination;

(5) had a license, registration, right to examine, or other similar authority revoked in another jurisdiction;

(6) failed to meet any requirement for issuance or renewal of the person's license or registration;

(7) advertised by means of false or deceptive statements;

(8) performed licensed services while consuming or under the influence of an intoxicant or controlled substance;

(9) demonstrated unprofessional conduct or practice;

(10) permitted an unlicensed person under the person's supervision or control to offer or practice services regulated by this chapter for compensation;

(11) practices, offered to practice, or attempted to practice by misrepresentation;

(12) failed to display a license or permit as required by rules adopted by the board;

(13) violated the board's rules governing infection control;

(14) refused to permit the board to make an inspection permitted or required by this chapter, or failed to provide the board or the attorney general on behalf of the board with any documents or records they request; or

(15) with respect to temporary suspension orders, has committed an act, engaged in conduct, or committed practices that the board, or complaint committee if authorized by the board, has determined may result or may have resulted in an immediate threat to the public.

(b) In lieu of or in addition to any remedy under paragraph (a), the board may, as a condition of continued licensure or registration, termination of suspension, reinstatement of licensure or registration, examination, or release of examination results, require that the person:

(1) submit to a quality review of the person's ability, skills, or quality of work, conducted in a manner and by a person or entity that the board determines; or

(2) completes to the board's satisfaction continuing education as the board requires.

~~(c) Service of an order under this subdivision is effective if the order is served in person, or is served by certified mail to the most recent address provided to the board by the licensee, registrant, applicant, or counsel of record. The order must state the reason for the entry of the order.~~

(c) The board or complaint committee, if authorized by the board, may issue an order under this subdivision. The order may include conditions under paragraph (b) and civil penalties and fees permitted under subdivision 6. The order may require a person to cease and desist from acting in violation of paragraph (a). The order must include:

(1) a summary of the facts that constitute each violation;

(2) the applicable law that has been violated;

(3) the licensing or registration action taken under paragraph (a); and

(4) a notice to the individual that unless the individual requests a hearing within 30 days of service of the order, the order becomes a final order of the board.

(d) If an order under this subdivision assesses civil penalties, the order must include a statement that, when the order becomes final, the board may file and enforce any unpaid amount of a penalty as a judgment in district court without further notice or additional proceedings.

(e) A person issued an order under this subdivision may request a hearing within 30 days of the date the order is served. If a person's written request for a hearing is not received within 30 days of

the date of service of the order, the order becomes a final order and is not subject to review by any court or agency. If a person submits to the board a timely request for hearing, the order is stayed pending a final order. The request for a hearing under this paragraph must:

(1) be in writing;

(2) provide the reason for the person's request for a hearing; and

(3) be mailed or delivered to the board within 30 days of service of the order.

(f) An order under this subdivision must be personally served or sent by first-class or certified mail to the most recent address provided to the board by the licensee or applicant according to Minnesota Rules, part 1400.5550, subparts 2 and 3.

~~(d)~~ (g) Except as provided in subdivision 5, paragraph (c), all hearings under this subdivision must be conducted in accordance with ~~the Administrative Procedure Act~~ chapter 14.

(h) Nothing in this chapter prevents the board from resolving any violation through informal disposition under section 14.59.

Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.33, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Temporary suspension.** (a) When the board, or complaint committee if authorized by the board, issues a temporary suspension order, the suspension provided for in the order is effective on service of a written copy of the order on the licensee, registrant, or counsel of record. The order must specify the statute, rule, or order violated by the licensee or registrant. The order remains in effect until the board issues a final order in the matter after a hearing, or on agreement between the board and the licensee or registrant.

(b) An order under this subdivision may (1) prohibit the licensee or registrant from engaging in the practice of a profession regulated by the board in whole or in part, as the facts require, and (2) condition the termination of the suspension on compliance with a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce. The order must state the reasons for entering the order and must set forth the right to a hearing as provided in this subdivision.

(c) Within ten days after service of an order under this subdivision, the licensee or registrant may request a hearing in writing. The board must hold a hearing before its own members within five working days of the request for a hearing. The sole issue at the hearing must be whether there is a reasonable basis to continue, modify, or terminate the temporary suspension. The hearing is not subject to ~~the Administrative Procedure Act~~ chapter 14. Evidence presented to the board or the licensee or registrant may be in affidavit form only. The licensee, registrant, or counsel of record may appear for oral argument.

(d) Within five working days after the hearing, the board ~~shall~~ must issue its order and, if the order continues the suspension, ~~shall~~ must schedule a contested case hearing within 30 days of the issuance of the order. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, the administrative law judge ~~shall~~ must issue a report within 30 days after the closing of the contested case hearing record. The board ~~shall~~ must issue a final order within 30 days of receiving the report.

Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.33, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Violations; penalties; costs.** (a) The board may impose a civil penalty of up to $2,000 per violation on a person who violates a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce.

(b) In addition to any penalty under paragraph (a), the board may impose a fee to reimburse the board for all or part of the cost of (1) the proceedings resulting in disciplinary action authorized under this section, (2) the imposition of a civil penalty under paragraph (a), or (3) the issuance of a cease and desist order. The board may impose a fee under this paragraph when the board shows that the position of the person who has violated a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce is not substantially justified unless special circumstances make such a fee unjust, notwithstanding any rule to the contrary. Costs under this paragraph include, but are not limited to, the amount paid by the board for services from the ~~Office~~ Court of Administrative Hearings, attorney fees, court reporter costs, witness costs, reproduction of records, board members' compensation, board staff time, and expenses incurred by board members and staff.

(c) All hearings under this subdivision must be conducted in accordance with ~~the Administrative Procedure Act~~ chapter 14.

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.33, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. **Corrective action.** (a) When the board or complaint committee, if authorized by the board, determines that a complaint alleging that an applicant or a licensee violated this chapter, rules adopted under this chapter, or an order issued by the board may be appropriately resolved through corrective action, the board or complaint committee may enter into an agreement for corrective action with an applicant or a licensee.

(b) An agreement for corrective action must:

(1) be in writing;

(2) describe the facts upon which the agreement is based;

(3) describe the corrective action agreed upon by the board or complaint committee and the applicant or licensee; and

(4) state that the complaint upon which the agreement was based must be dismissed by the board or complaint committee when the board or committee finds that the applicant or licensee has successfully performed the corrective action.

(c) The board or complaint committee may determine that the applicant or licensee has successfully performed the corrective action if the applicant or licensee submits a request for dismissal that documents the applicant's or licensee's successful performance of the corrective action.

(d) An agreement under this subdivision is not disciplinary action. An agreement under this section is public data under chapter 13.

(e) The board may assess a fee on an applicant or a licensee to reimburse the board for costs related to the corrective action. The board must include a fee under this paragraph in the corrective action agreement.

(f) If an applicant or a licensee fails to successfully perform the corrective action within the time specified in the agreement, the matter may be resolved through any enforcement action authorized under this section.

Sec. 37. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

The revisor of statutes must change the term "Board of Cosmetologist Examiners" to "Board of Cosmetology" wherever the term appears in Minnesota Statutes.

Sec. 38. **REPEALER.**

(a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.275, is repealed.

(b) Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 29, is repealed.

ARTICLE 4

STATE GOVERNMENT MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. **[16C.37] PAYROLL REPORTING PORTAL AND DATABASE.**

Subdivision 1. **Portal and database.** No later than July 1, 2027, the commissioner shall develop and maintain a payroll reporting portal and database capable of accepting and retaining certified payrolls submitted in compliance with this section.

Subd. 2. **Information required; availability to public.** (a) Beginning July 1, 2027, and by the 16th day of each month following the month the work was performed, the commissioner must make available to the public on the department's website the information required under section 177.30, paragraph (a), clause (6), except for the employee's name. Nothing in this section limits application of section 13.43, subdivision 19.

(b) The database must be searchable by contractor name, project name, county in which the work was performed, and project owner.

(c) The reporting portal must accept certified payroll forms provided by the commissioner that are fillable and designed to accept electronic signatures.

Subd. 3. **Portal registration.** All projects covered by state prevailing wage requirements, including but not limited to the requirements under sections 177.41, 177.42, 177.43, and 116J.871, subdivisions 2 and 3, must be registered in the portal by the project owner and assigned an identifying project number prior to the commencement of work.

Subd. 4. **Reporting and notice requirements.** (a) All contractors covered by state prevailing wage requirements, including but not limited to the requirements under sections 177.41, 177.42, 177.43, and 116J.871, subdivisions 2 and 3, must report the certified payroll information required under subdivision 2 and section 177.30 to the commissioner.

(b) The commissioner must provide notice to the project owner when a report is made by a contractor under this section.

Subd. 5. **Fulfillment of other prevailing wage reporting requirements.** Notwithstanding section 177.43, subdivision 6, submission of certified payrolls under this section fulfills the contractor reporting requirements under sections 177.30, paragraph (a), clause (6), and 177.43, subdivision 3, but does not diminish the prevailing wage enforcement authority of the Department of Labor and Industry.

Subd. 6. **Local governments and project owner opt-in.** Local units of government and project owners may opt-in to participation in the portal and database created under this section for the purpose of collecting certified payroll in compliance with a local prevailing wage ordinance or labor standards policy.

EFFECTIVE DATE. Subdivision 1 is effective July 1, 2026. Subdivisions 2 to 4 are effective July 1, 2027, and apply to construction projects that begin on or after that date."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for state government agencies; modifying prior appropriations; modifying provisions relating to the Board of Barber Examiners and to the Board of Cosmetology; requiring creation of a centralized certified payroll reporting portal and database for all state projects covered by prevailing wage requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 154.001, subdivision 2; 154.003; 154.01; 154.02, subdivisions 1, 4, by adding subdivisions; 154.05; 154.07, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 154.08; 154.09; 154.11, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 155A.20; 155A.23, subdivisions 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 18, by adding a subdivision; 155A.25, subdivisions 1a, 3, 5, 7; 155A.27, subdivisions 5a, 10, by adding subdivisions; 155A.271, subdivision 2; 155A.29, subdivision 2; 155A.30, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12; 155A.31; 155A.32; 155A.33, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 20, section 12, as amended; Laws 2025, chapter 39, article 1, section 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 155A.275; Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 29; Minnesota Rules, parts 2100.2500; 2100.2600; 2100.2900; 2100.3000; 2100.3200; 2100.3300; 2100.4500; 2100.5200, subparts 1, 2, 5; 2100.5300; 2100.6000."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Hawj from the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4214: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying reporting requirements to improve efficiency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.03; 89.36, subdivision 4.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, as amended by Laws 2025, chapter 36, article 4, section 15, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Department of Administration**	17,040,000	14,105,000

(a) The amounts in this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner of administration for grants to the named organizations for the purposes specified in this subdivision. The commissioner of administration may use a portion of this appropriation for costs that are directly related to and necessary for the administration of grants in this subdivision.

(b) Grant agreements entered into by the commissioner and recipients of appropriations under this subdivision must ensure that money appropriated in this subdivision is used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding.

(c) **Minnesota Public Radio**

$2,050,000 each year is for Minnesota Public Radio to create programming and expand news service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and history.

(d) **Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations**

$2,050,000 the first year and $2,050,000 the second year are to the Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations for production and acquisition grants in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.19.

(e) **Public Television**

$5,000,000 the first year and $4,500,000 the second year are to the Minnesota Public Television Association for production and acquisition grants according to Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.18. Of the amount in

the first year, $1,000,000 is for producing Minnesota military and veterans' history stories and unique immigrant stories from around the state.

(f) **Wilderness Inquiry**

$500,000 the first year and $600,000 the second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture, and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth and families to natural resources.

(g) **Como Park Zoo**

$1,725,000 each year is to the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory for program development that features educational programs and habitat enhancement, special exhibits, music appreciation programs, and historical garden access and preservation.

(h) **Science Museum of Minnesota**

$825,000 each year is to the Science Museum of Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage, including student and teacher outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and community-based exhibits that preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

(i) **Appetite for Change**

$200,000 the first year is to the nonprofit Appetite for Change for the Community Cooks programming, which will preserve the cultural heritage of growing and cooking food in Minnesota.

(j) **Lake Superior Zoo**

$150,000 each year is to the Lake Superior Zoo to develop educational exhibits and programs.

(k) **Great Lakes Aquarium**

$250,000 each year is to the Lake Superior Center Authority to prepare, fabricate, and

install a hands-on exhibit with interactive learning components to educate Minnesotans on the history of the natural landscape of the state.

(l) **State Band**

$25,000 the first year and $25,000 the second year are to the Minnesota state band to provide free concerts throughout the state.

(m) **Veterans Memorial Park in Wyoming**

$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the city of Wyoming to build the Veterans Memorial Plaza and related interpretive walk in Railroad Park.

(n) **Great Northern Festival**

$75,000 the first year and $75,000 the second year are for a grant to support the Great Northern Festival, which connects attendees to parks, outdoor spaces, and cultural venues through a festival.

(o) **Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities**

$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities to continue to preserve and raise awareness of the history of Minnesotans with developmental disabilities.

(p) **Minnesota Council on Disability**

$125,000 the first year and $125,000 the second year are to the Minnesota Council on Disability to provide educational opportunities in the arts, history, and cultural heritage of Minnesotans with disabilities in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Minnesota Council on Disability. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

(q) **Keller Regional Park**

$500,000 the first year is for a grant to Ramsey County to preserve Minnesota's cultural heritage by enhancing the tuj lub courts at Keller Regional Park.

(r) **Vietnam War Anniversary**

$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the commissioner of veterans affairs to prepare and host a commemoration program for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

(s) **St. Paul Cultural Art Installation**

$500,000 the first year is for a grant to ~~Forecast Public Art for an~~ the city of St. Paul for a public art installation celebrating Olympic gold medalist Suni Lee. The project funded by this paragraph must be located in St. Paul at the Conway Recreation Center or, if that site is not practicable, at Lake Phalen at the platform containing the bust of Suni Lee. This appropriation is available until June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.

(t) **One Heartland Center**

$50,000 each year is for a grant to One Heartland Center for programming and outdoor activities for families and youth in Minnesota.

(u) **Forest Lake Veterans Memorial**

$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the Forest Lake Veterans Memorial Committee to construct a memorial to veterans of the United States armed forces at Lakeside Memorial Park in the city of Forest Lake. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

(v) **Hmong Plaza**

$450,000 the first year is for a grant to the city of St. Paul to construct the Hmong Plaza at Phalen Lake.

(w) **Camille Gage Artist Fellowship**

$55,000 the first year and $55,000 the second year are for a grant to YWCA Minneapolis to fund an annual fellowship to be known as the Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship. Of this amount, up to $5,000 each year may be used for administrative expenses. YWCA

Minneapolis must select a person for the Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship after an application process that allows both applications by interested persons and nominations of persons by third parties. By October 1, 2026, YWCA Minneapolis must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over legacy on the use of money appropriated under this paragraph and on the activities of the person selected for the Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship under this paragraph. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

(x) **Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery**

$235,000 the first year and $125,000 the second year are for arts and cultural heritage programming celebrating African American and Black communities in Minnesota. Of the amount in the first year, $110,000 is for C. Caldwell Fine Arts for an outdoor mural project in North Minneapolis to work with young people to develop skills while using art as the impetus.

(y) **Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota**

$25,000 the first year and $25,000 the second year are for a grant to the Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota to celebrate and teach the art, culture, and heritage of Tibetan Americans in Minnesota.

(z) **Hong De Wu Guan**

$25,000 the first year is for a grant to Hong De Wu Guan to create cultural arts projects like Lion Dance for after-school programs for youth.

(aa) **Sepak Takraw of USA**

$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the Sepak Takraw of USA to work with youth and after-school programs in the community to teach the cultural games of tuj lub and

sepak takraw. This appropriation may not be used to hold events.

(bb) **30,000 Feet**

$75,000 the first year and $75,000 the second year are for a grant to 30,000 Feet, a nonprofit organization, to help youth and community artists further develop their artistic skills, to create community art and artistic performances, and to promote and share African American history and culture through the arts.

(cc) **Siengkane Lao Minnesota**

$50,000 the first year and $50,000 the second year are for a grant to Siengkane Lao MN to create cultural arts projects and to preserve traditional performances.

(dd) **Hmong Cultural Center**

$150,000 the first year and $150,000 the second year are for a grant to the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota for museum-related programming and educational outreach activities to teach the public about the historical, cultural, and folk arts heritage of Hmong Minnesotans.

(ee) **Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio**

$250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year are for a grant to Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) to expand arts programming to celebrate Latino cultural heritage; support local artists; and provide professional development, networking, and presentation opportunities.

(ff) **Hmong RPA Writing System**

$300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year are for grants to recipients who have demonstrated knowledge and interest in preserving Hmong culture to preserve Hmong Minnesotans' heritage, history, language, and culture. Grants must be used in conjunction with Minnesota universities to improve and develop a unified and

standardized Latin alphabet form of the Hmong RPA writing system. No portion of this appropriation may be used to encourage religious membership or to conduct personal ceremonies or events. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

(gg) **Somali Museum of Minnesota**

$125,000 the first year and $125,000 the second year are for a grant to the Somali Museum of Minnesota for heritage arts and cultural vitality programs to provide classes, exhibits, presentations, and outreach about the Somali community and heritage in Minnesota.

(hh) **Minnesota Museum of American Art**

$200,000 the first year and $200,000 the second year are for a grant to the Minnesota Museum of American Art for exhibit programming and for a Native American Fellowship at the museum.

(ii) **Fanka Programs**

$250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year are for a grant to Ka Joog statewide Somali-based collaborative programs for arts and cultural heritage. The funding must be used for Fanka programs to provide arts education and workshops, mentor programs, and community presentations and community engagement events throughout Minnesota.

(jj) **The Bakken Museum**

$150,000 the first year is for a grant to The Bakken Museum for interactive exhibits and outreach programs on arts and cultural heritage.

(kk) **4-H Shooting Sports**

$50,000 the first year is to the University of Minnesota Extension Office to provide grants to Minnesota 4-H chapters that have members participating in state and national 4-H-sanctioned shooting sports events.

Eligible costs for grant money include shooting sports equipment and supplies and event fees associated with participating in state shooting sports events.

(ll) **Public Art Saint Paul**

$75,000 each year is for a grant to Public Art Saint Paul for art programming at the Wakpa Triennial Art Festival to showcase new art across the Twin Cities by Minnesota artists in outdoor and indoor settings and to encourage visitors to experience the arts and culture produced by local arts and culture organizations.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Laws 2024, chapter 90, article 1, section 52, is amended to read:

Sec. 52. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

(a) Sections ~~1 to 51~~ 4, 7, 10 to 12, 14 to 17, and 19 to 51, and the amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6100.5002, 6213.0100, 6213.0400, 6213.0500, 6232.0200, 6232.0300, 6232.0400, 6232.0500, 6232.0900, 6232.1250, 6232.1300, 6232.1600, 6232.1950, 6232.1970, 6232.1980, 6232.2550, 6232.2800, 6232.3100, 6232.4400, 6234.1600, 6234.1700, 6234.2000, 6234.2600, 6236.0300, 6236.0500, 6236.0950, 6237.0200, 6262.1000, 6262.3200, 6264.0400, and 6266.0700, and the repealer as adopted by the commissioner of natural resources and published in the State Register, volume 49, page 1416, June 30, 2025, are effective upon full implementation of the replacement electronic license, permits, and pass portions of the electronic license system.

(b) Sections 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, and 18 are effective upon full implementation of the vehicle registration portions of the electronic license system.

(c) The commissioner of natural resources must notify the revisor of statutes when the ~~replacement electronic license system is fully implemented.~~ portions of the replacement electronic licensing system governed by the sections and rule modifications described in paragraph (a) are fully implemented and when the portions of the replacement electronic licensing system governed by the sections described in paragraph (b) are fully implemented.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Parks and trails fund appropriation extensions.** (a) The availability of the grant to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority for the Mesabi Trail project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended to June 30, 2027.

(b) The availability of the grant to Olmsted County for the Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended to June 30, 2027.

(c) The availability of the grant to Stearns County for the Kraemer Lake and Wildwood County Park project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended to June 30, 2027.

(d) The availability of the grant to Redwood County for the Plum Creek Park project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended to June 30, 2027.

(e) The availability of the grant to the city of Sandstone for the Robinson Quarry Park project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2025 appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended to June 30, 2027.

Subd. 2. **Department of Natural Resources appropriation extensions.** (a) The appropriation in Laws 2024, chapter 116, article 1, section 3, subdivision 5, for an electronic licensing system is available until June 30, 2027.

(b) The appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 6, paragraph (h), for a grant to expand Minnesota's wild elk population and range is available until June 30, 2027.

Subd. 3. **Metropolitan Council appropriation extensions.** (a) The general fund appropriation in Laws 2024, chapter 116, article 1, section 5, for community tree-planting grants is available until June 30, 2027.

(b) The natural resources fund appropriation in Laws 2024, chapter 116, article 1, section 5, for grants to implementing agencies to plant trees is available until June 30, 2027.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL BOARD.**

$3,800,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the Minnesota Zoological Board. This is a onetime appropriation.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION; STUDY OF UNLAWFUL SHIPMENT OF INFECTIOUS OR PATHOLOGICAL WASTE.**

(a) By January 1, 2027, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must submit a study to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions with primary jurisdiction over environment and health and human services on the unlawful transportation of infectious or pathological waste to solid waste management facilities. The study must include:

(1) an assessment of the extent and frequency of unlawful transfer of infectious or pathological waste to solid waste management facilities and an assessment of the costs associated with those unlawful transfers; and

(2) recommendations for legislative or policy changes that could be adopted to reduce the frequency and cost of unlawful transfers of infectious or pathological waste, including an estimate of the costs to state agencies and other affected parties of each option. In formulating these recommendations, the commissioner must consider whether the following measures might contribute to a reduction in unlawful transfers of infectious or pathological waste to solid waste management facilities:

(i) imposing fines on those who unlawfully transport infectious or pathological waste to solid waste management facilities; and

(ii) undertaking unannounced inspections of infectious or pathological waste generators.

(b) $75,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the environmental fund to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to conduct the study required by this section. This is a onetime appropriation.

ARTICLE 2

BATTERY STEWARDSHIP

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3b. **Battery.** "Battery" means one or more galvanic cells, including any structural members, casing, and terminals.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10d. **Facilitate a sale.** "Facilitate a sale" means to assist a person in transferring title or possession of a product, regardless of whether title or possession is ever acquired by the person facilitating a sale, such as by operating an online marketplace, publishing an offer for sale on a website, physically storing inventory of products, entering into a contract to allow another person to list a product for sale, processing payment on behalf of another person, entering into a contract with a buyer or a seller related to a sale, or otherwise providing a sales process. Facilitate a sale does not include acting solely as:

(1) an advertiser;

(2) a payment processor; or

(3) a common carrier.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 3. **[115A.1331] STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR COVERED BATTERIES; DEFINITIONS.**

(a) The terms used in sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 have the meanings given in this section and section 115A.03.

(b) "Battery-containing product" means a product:

(1) in which a covered battery is contained;

(2) to which a covered battery is attached; or

(3) with which a covered battery is packaged.

(c) "Brand" means a mark, a registered or unregistered trademark, a logo, a name, a symbol, a word, or an identifier that attributes a product to the owner or licensee of the brand.

(d) "Collection" means receipt of discarded covered batteries from a person, including sorting and storage that are necessary for receipt and that are performed by the covered battery collector. Collection does not include transport of a covered battery that occurs after a covered battery collector receives the covered battery, except for transport by the covered battery collector to or between a covered battery collection site or sites operated by the covered battery collector.

(e) "Covered battery" means a loose battery or a battery that is easily removable. A covered battery may be of any brand, type, or chemistry. A covered battery includes a covered small battery or covered medium battery. A covered battery does not include:

(1) a lead acid battery regulated under sections 325E.115 and 325E.1151;

(2) a battery designed, manufactured, and intended solely for use in a motor vehicle;

(3) a battery contained within a medical device, as specified in United States Code, title 21, section 321(h), as it existed as of the effective date of this section, that is not designed and marketed for sale or resale principally to consumers for personal use;

(4) a battery removed from a permanent, stationary, energy storage system that requires installation and removal by an electrician licensed under chapter 326B;

(5) a battery transported into the state after the battery is collected in another state; or

(6) a battery subject to recall for safety reasons.

(f) "Covered battery collection site" means a physical location where a covered battery collector collects covered batteries from other persons, regardless of whether the covered battery collector operates the location permanently, temporarily, or for purposes of a collection event.

(g) "Covered battery collector" means a person that collects covered batteries on behalf of and under agreement with a covered battery stewardship organization and receives reimbursement at the rates determined according to section 115A.1335 from a covered battery stewardship organization for the covered battery collector's costs for collection of the covered batteries.

(h) "Covered battery producer" means the following person responsible for compliance with requirements under sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 for a covered battery sold, including online sales, offered for sale or promotional purposes, or distributed in or into the state:

(1) for a covered battery:

(i) if the covered battery is sold, offered, or distributed under a brand owned by the person that manufactured the covered battery, the producer is the person that manufactured the covered battery;

(ii) if the covered battery is sold, offered, or distributed under a brand owned by a person other than the person that manufactured the covered battery, the producer is the person that owned the brand;

(iii) if the covered battery is sold, offered, or distributed under a brand licensed to a person, the producer is the person that is the licensee of the brand under which the covered battery is sold, offered, or distributed, whether or not the brand is registered in the state;

(iv) if there is no person described in items (i) to (iii) within the United States, the producer is the person that imported the covered battery into the United States to be sold, offered, or distributed; and

(v) if there is no person described in items (i) to (iv), the producer is the person that first sold, offered, or distributed the covered battery in or into the state;

(2) for a covered battery contained in, attached to, or packaged with a battery-containing product:

(i) if the battery-containing product is sold, offered, or distributed under a brand owned by the person that manufactured it, the producer is the person that manufactured the battery-containing product;

(ii) if the battery-containing product is sold, offered, or distributed under a brand owned by a person other than the person that manufactured the battery-containing product, the producer is the person that owned the brand;

(iii) if the battery-containing product is sold, offered, or distributed under a brand licensed to a person, the producer is the person that is the licensee of the brand under which the battery-containing product is sold, offered, or distributed, whether or not the brand is registered in the state;

(iv) if there is no person described in items (i) to (iii) within the United States, the producer is the person that imported the battery-containing product into the United States to be sold, offered, or distributed; and

(v) if there is no person described in items (i) to (iv), the producer is the person that first sold, offered, or distributed the battery-containing product in or into the state;

(3) notwithstanding clause (2), a producer does not include any person that manufactured, imported into the United States, or sold, offered, or distributed in or into the state a battery-containing product if the producer of the only covered batteries contained in, attached to, or packaged with the battery-containing product is named as a participant by a covered battery stewardship organization

and both the person and the participant acknowledge such in writing to the covered battery stewardship organization; and

(4) notwithstanding clauses (1) and (2), a person that voluntarily assumes the responsibility of a producer of a covered battery and certifies that they have assumed the responsibility of a producer in writing to the commissioner is the producer of the covered battery.

(i) "Covered battery stewardship organization" means an organization that contracts with one or more covered battery producers to meet the producers' obligations under sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347.

(j) "Covered battery stewardship plan" or "stewardship plan" means a plan that is prepared according to section 115A.1335 and submitted to the commissioner by a covered battery stewardship organization.

(k) "Covered battery stewardship program" means a system implemented by a covered battery stewardship organization to manage all covered batteries offered to a covered battery collector by arranging and paying for the collection, covered services, and all other activities described in a covered battery stewardship plan published on the agency's publicly accessible website under section 115A.1335, subdivision 4, paragraph (e), or 5, paragraph (a).

(l) "Covered medium battery" means a covered battery that weighs more than 11 pounds but equal to or less than 25 pounds or has an energy capacity greater than 300 watt-hours but equal to or less than 2,000 watt-hours.

(m) "Covered medium battery collection site" means a covered battery collection site that meets the requirements of section 115A.1341, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a), (b), and (d).

(n) "Covered services" means transportation, processing, recycling, and disposal of covered batteries and residual materials after collection. Covered services does not include:

(1) repair or reuse of a covered battery by the collector; or

(2) transport of a covered battery by the covered battery collector that collected it to or between a covered battery collection site or sites that are operated by the covered battery collector.

(o) "Covered small battery" means a covered battery that weighs 11 pounds or less and has an energy capacity of 300 watt-hours or less.

(p) "Covered small battery collection site" means a covered battery collection site that meets the requirements of section 115A.1341, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a), (c), and (d).

(q) "Distribute" means to sell, offer, supply, ship, transport, or deliver a product to a person that sells, offers, supplies, ships, transports, or delivers the product in or into the state, regardless of whether title to the product is ever acquired by a person distributing the product.

(r) "Easily removable" or "easily removed" means that a battery can be removed by a single person from a product by hand or by hand and the use of only:

(1) a flathead, crosshead, or Phillips screwdriver;

(2) a paper clip;

(3) a coin; or

(4) a hex key.

(s) "Household hazardous waste management program" means a program established under section 115A.96 to collect and manage household hazardous waste, as defined in section 115A.96, that is established or operated by the agency or another public entity, including but not limited to a political subdivision, state agency, or federally recognized Tribe.

(t) "Independent auditor" means a certified public accountant that:

(1) holds a current active license under chapter 326A and rules adopted thereunder;

(2) is retained by a covered battery stewardship organization;

(3) is not otherwise employed by or affiliated with the commissioner or a covered battery stewardship organization; and

(4) is qualified to conduct an audit under section 115A.1337, subdivision 6, clause (8).

(u) "Loose battery" means a battery that is not contained in or attached to a product. A loose battery does not include a battery that is contained in an enclosure when the enclosure is not integral to the operation of the battery.

(v) "Motor vehicle" has the meaning given in section 168.002.

(w) "Participant" means a covered battery producer that is named by a covered battery stewardship organization as meeting the covered battery producer's obligations under sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347. If one covered battery producer is named as a participant by voluntarily assuming responsibility for a covered battery on behalf of other covered battery producers under paragraph (h), clause (4), then all those covered battery producers are also participants.

(x) "Rechargeable battery" means a battery that is designed and intended to have electrical energy added to it by electrical or physical means after use.

(y) "Residual material" means material and waste resulting from processing, recycling, or disposal of a covered battery.

(z) "Responsible market" means a market for covered batteries, for reclaimed materials from collected covered batteries, or for any other recyclable residual material from collected covered batteries that:

(1) reuses, recycles, or otherwise recovers materials and disposes of contaminants in a manner that protects the environment and minimizes risks to public health and worker health and safety;

(2) complies with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, rules, ordinances, and other laws governing environmental, health, safety, and financial responsibility;

(3) possesses all licenses and permits required by a federal or state agency or political subdivision;

(4) if operating in the state, recycles batteries to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with section 115A.02, paragraph (b); and

(5) minimizes adverse impacts to environmental justice areas.

(aa) "Specialized covered battery recycler" means a person that, if and as applicable, is properly authorized by the commissioner or, if operating in another state or country, an equivalent state, federal, or other governmental body, to process or recycle useful materials from covered batteries.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 4. **[115A.1335] COVERED BATTERY STEWARDSHIP PLAN AND BUDGET.**

Subdivision 1. **Due dates.** (a) By July 1, 2027:

(1) a covered battery producer must contract with a covered battery stewardship organization to act on the covered battery producer's behalf for purposes of complying with the producer's obligations under sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347; and

(2) a covered battery stewardship organization must:

(i) notify the commissioner that it has been designated by covered battery producers to act on their behalf; and

(ii) provide to the commissioner its identity and contact information.

(b) By January 1, 2029, a covered battery stewardship organization must submit to the commissioner a covered battery stewardship plan that meets all requirements of subdivision 2 for review under subdivision 4.

Subd. 2. **Plan content; budget requirement.** (a) A covered battery stewardship plan must include:

(1) identification of and contact information for the covered battery stewardship organization;

(2) a description and example of contracts, including a list of all parties to the contracts, that must:

(i) clearly grant the covered battery stewardship organization the authority to act on behalf of the participants that the covered battery stewardship organization represents to implement the covered battery stewardship plan;

(ii) include a statement of responsibility of the participants that the covered battery stewardship organization represents to comply with the approved covered battery stewardship plan; and

(iii) include a statement of responsibility of the participants that the covered battery stewardship organization represents to fund the covered battery stewardship organization as necessary to

implement the covered battery stewardship plan, pay for associated costs, and pay for fees and penalties assessed by the commissioner;

(3) identification of and contact information for all participants in the covered battery stewardship program;

(4) identification of and contact information for each covered battery collector or prospective covered battery collector that has agreed to operate covered battery collection sites to collect covered batteries on behalf of the covered battery stewardship organization and documentation of such agreements. A covered battery collection site may only be included in one covered battery stewardship plan at a time;

(5) identification of and contact information for each person providing covered services and the location of all facilities where covered services will be provided;

(6) identification and contact information for those persons that the covered battery stewardship organization has contracted with and that will administer and implement the covered battery stewardship program in accordance with section 115A.1337, subdivision 7. The relationship of the other persons to the covered battery stewardship organization and their role in administering and implementing the covered battery stewardship program must be described;

(7) the address, county of location, and, in a form prescribed by the commissioner, geolocation data for each covered battery collection site to be served through the covered battery stewardship organization under the covered battery stewardship program and identification of those covered battery collection sites that are operated by a household hazardous waste management program;

(8) a list of the brands covered under the covered battery stewardship program;

(9) eligibility criteria for prospective covered battery collectors;

(10) a description of how the covered battery stewardship program will provide convenient, statewide collection according to subdivision 3 without collection of covered batteries performed by collection sites on behalf of another covered battery stewardship organization;

(11) a description of how the covered battery stewardship organization will annually monitor and ensure continuing compliance with the convenience standards under subdivision 3;

(12) a description of how the covered battery stewardship organization will ensure each covered battery collector is provided with the materials specified in section 115A.1337, subdivision 1;

(13) a description of how covered battery collection sites will be accessible according to section 115A.1337, subdivision 2;

(14) the performance standards for persons providing covered services for the covered battery stewardship organization and the oversight methods by which the covered battery stewardship organization will ensure continuing compliance with the performance standards. The covered battery stewardship organization may determine performance standards, which at a minimum must:

(i) accord with clauses (17) to (20), (22), (23), and (36);

(ii) ensure that covered services other than transportation are provided only by specialized covered battery recyclers; and

(iii) ensure covered batteries and residual materials are managed through responsible markets;

(15) a description of the oversight methods by which the covered battery stewardship organization will ensure continuing compliance with the performance standards under clause (14);

(16) a description of how the covered battery stewardship organization will ensure that there are multiple persons providing covered services to ensure resiliency in the system;

(17) a description of methods by which the covered battery stewardship organization will ensure that discarded covered batteries and residual materials managed under the covered battery stewardship program are managed while in the state in compliance with rules adopted under section 116.07 for managing solid waste and hazardous waste, when applicable, and, when outside the state, with all applicable legal requirements for managing solid waste and hazardous waste, as applicable;

(18) a description of the actions the covered battery stewardship organization will take upon receiving information of potential or actual noncompliance under clause (17) by any person handling covered batteries under the covered battery stewardship program;

(19) a description of methods by which the covered battery stewardship organization will ensure that covered batteries and residual materials managed under the covered battery stewardship program are managed in compliance with safety and health requirements for employees administered by the Department of Labor and Industry and with fire protection requirements administered by the Department of Public Safety while in the state and, when outside the state, with all applicable federal, state, and local employee safety and health requirements and fire protection requirements;

(20) a description of the actions the covered battery stewardship organization will take upon receiving information of potential or actual noncompliance under clause (19) by any person handling covered batteries under the covered battery stewardship program;

(21) a description of how the covered battery stewardship organization will ensure sufficient and timely pickup and transport of covered batteries are provided to each covered battery collection site so that the covered battery collection site can continuously and safely collect and store covered batteries;

(22) a description of methods by which the covered battery stewardship organization will ensure that covered batteries and residual materials managed under the covered battery stewardship program are transported in compliance with applicable regulations incorporated by reference under section 221.033 for transporting hazardous materials while in the state and, when outside the state, with all applicable legal requirements for transporting hazardous materials;

(23) a description of the actions the covered battery stewardship organization will take upon receiving information of potential or actual noncompliance under clause (22) by any person handling covered batteries under the covered battery stewardship program;

(24) a statement of indemnification by the covered battery stewardship organization to covered battery collectors for potential liability for improper downstream management of covered batteries

or residual materials by providers of covered services arranged for by the covered battery stewardship organization and identified in the covered battery stewardship plan under clause (5);

(25) a description of how the covered battery stewardship organization will determine and annually report the quantity of covered batteries collected under the covered battery stewardship program by chemistry by weight;

(26) a description of the outreach and education methods and activities that the covered battery stewardship organization will ensure are provided according to section 115A.1337, subdivision 4;

(27) a description of how the covered battery stewardship organization will ensure that there is at least one full-time representative of the covered battery stewardship organization who is dedicated to implementing the covered battery stewardship program in this state and serves as the primary contact between the covered battery stewardship organization and the agency;

(28) the proposed reimbursement rates for covered battery collectors that are household hazardous waste management programs, according to the following:

(i) the proposed reimbursement rates must cover all costs of collection incurred by the covered battery collectors, which include but are not limited to:

(A) labor, overhead, and supplies;

(B) necessary collection and storage;

(C) employee training; and

(D) necessary safety materials;

(ii) the covered battery stewardship organization may, on agreement with the covered battery collectors, provide materials or services to covered battery collectors in lieu of covering specific costs;

(iii) necessary safety materials described in item (i), subitem (D), do not include fire safety infrastructure, such as fire sprinklers or fire detection systems; and

(iv) the covered battery stewardship organization must meet and agree on the proposed reimbursement rates with covered battery collectors and prospective covered battery collectors that are household hazardous waste management programs;

(29) the proposed reimbursement rates for covered battery collectors that are not household hazardous waste management programs, according to the following:

(i) the proposed reimbursement rates must cover all of the following costs of collection incurred by the covered battery collectors:

(A) necessary collection and storage;

(B) supplies;

(C) employee training; and

(D) necessary safety materials;

(ii) the proposed reimbursement rates may, on agreement with the covered battery collectors, cover costs of collection in addition to those described in item (i);

(iii) the covered battery stewardship organization may, on agreement with the covered battery collectors, provide materials or services to covered battery collectors in lieu of covering specific costs;

(iv) necessary safety materials described in item (i), subitem (C), do not include fire safety infrastructure, such as fire sprinklers or fire detection systems; and

(v) the covered battery stewardship organization must meet and agree on the proposed reimbursement rates with covered battery collectors and prospective covered battery collectors that are not household hazardous waste management programs;

(30) documentation that the covered battery collectors and prospective covered battery collectors identified in clause (4) have agreed to the proposed reimbursement rates in clauses (28) and (29);

(31) documentation that the number of covered battery collection sites identified in clause (7) to be operated by the covered battery collectors identified in clause (4) are sufficient to ensure that the covered battery stewardship organization will comply with the convenience standards of subdivision 3;

(32) a description of the system by which the covered battery stewardship organization will provide advance payment or reimbursement to covered battery collectors in a manner that provides:

(i) periodic automatic payment of reimbursements at least annually; or

(ii) a process for submitting reimbursement requests and reasonable timelines for reimbursement, at intervals no longer than monthly unless otherwise agreed to by the covered battery collector;

(33) a description of the system by which the covered battery stewardship organization will pay persons providing covered services in a manner that provides:

(i) a clear process for submitting invoices; and

(ii) reasonable timelines for payment, at intervals agreed to by the person providing covered services;

(34) a description of how the covered battery stewardship program costs will be allocated among participants, either individually or among groups of participants identified by the covered battery stewardship organization, such that the costs of managing covered batteries are allocated equitably. As part of this description, a clear assignment of responsibility for costs of managing covered batteries subject to a voluntary or mandatory recall to the participant or participants associated with those covered batteries and not other participants must be included;

(35) a description of how the covered battery stewardship organization will comply with subdivision 6, paragraph (b);

(36) a description of how the covered battery stewardship organization will ensure that covered batteries and residual materials managed under the covered battery stewardship program are managed to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with section 115A.02, paragraph (b);

(37) a description of how the covered battery stewardship organization will take actions within its purview and provide feedback for covered battery producers to enable improvements in product design and material use, technology, and personnel training that could raise the future maximum extent practicable for management described in clause (36), including consideration of covered battery reuse, repair, and product life cycle;

(38) a description of how the covered battery stewardship organization will annually report to the commissioner, by chemistry by weight, the end management through recycling or disposal of covered batteries for which the covered battery stewardship program was responsible during each calendar year; and

(39) a description of how the covered battery stewardship organization will take action to decrease the incidence of covered batteries in solid waste in the state, including providing collection opportunities under section 115A.1337, subdivision 2, paragraph (b).

(b) By January 1, 2029, and annually thereafter, a covered battery stewardship organization must submit an anticipated annual budget for the covered battery stewardship program for that calendar year, broken down into the covered battery stewardship program's estimated costs for administration, collection, sorting after collection, storage after collection, transportation after collection, processing, recycling, disposal, and communication, including the cost of fees under section 115A.1339. The budget is not subject to review and approval under subdivisions 4 and 5.

Subd. 3. **Convenience standards.** (a) A covered battery stewardship plan must provide convenient, statewide collection for all covered batteries that are offered to covered battery collectors by a person in the state, regardless of:

(1) a covered battery's type, physical size, energy capacity, or chemistry;

(2) a covered battery's brand; or

(3) the producer of a covered battery.

(b) A covered battery stewardship plan submitted by a covered battery stewardship organization must independently meet the convenience standards in paragraphs (c) to (d) without cost sharing, collaboration, or consideration of activities of another covered battery stewardship organization.

(c) For covered small batteries, a covered battery stewardship organization must:

(1) in each county with a population of 10,000 or less, maintain at least two covered small battery collection sites;

(2) in each county with a population greater than 10,000 but less than or equal to 100,000, maintain at least two covered small battery collection sites and at least one additional covered small battery collection site for each additional 10,000 in population above a population of 10,000;

(3) in each county with a population greater than 100,000, maintain at least 11 covered small battery collection sites and at least one additional covered small battery collection site for each additional 50,000 in population above a population of 100,000; and

(4) maintain a covered small battery collection site located within ten miles of the household of at least 95 percent of the residents of the state.

(d) For covered medium batteries, a covered battery stewardship organization must:

(1) in each county with a population of 100,000 or less, maintain at least one covered medium battery collection site;

(2) in each county with a population greater than 100,000, maintain at least two covered medium battery collection sites and at least one additional covered medium battery collection site for each additional 100,000 in population above a population of 100,000; and

(3) maintain a covered medium battery collection site located within ten miles of the household of at least 95 percent of the residents of the state.

(e) When demonstrating compliance with paragraphs (c) and (d), a covered battery stewardship organization may count a covered medium battery collection site as a covered small battery collection site.

(f) A covered battery stewardship organization must ensure no net loss in estimated collection convenience and capacity for covered batteries from the program in place on January 1, 2026.

(g) Upon a showing by a covered battery stewardship organization that meeting the convenience standard of paragraph (c) or (d), for a specific county or development region would cause undue hardship to the covered battery stewardship organization, the commissioner may approve an alternative convenience standard if the proposed alternative convenience standard would reasonably result in equivalent covered battery collection convenience.

Subd. 4. **Review of covered battery stewardship plan; implementation.** (a) Within 120 days after receiving a complete covered battery stewardship plan submitted under this section, the commissioner must determine whether the stewardship plan complies with this section and will ensure that elements required by subdivision 2, paragraph (a), will be met to the maximum extent practicable. The commissioner must provide a written notice of determination according to this subdivision.

(b) In conducting a review of a covered battery stewardship plan, the commissioner may consult with interested parties.

(c) For at least 30 days before approving a covered battery stewardship plan, the commissioner must place the stewardship plan on the agency's publicly accessible website for public review and comment.

(d) If the commissioner determines that a covered battery stewardship plan fails to comply with this section or will not ensure that elements required by subdivision 2, paragraph (a), will be met to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner must reject the covered battery stewardship plan. The commissioner must provide a written notice of determination to the covered battery stewardship organization describing the reasons for the rejection.

(e) After any consultation under paragraph (b) and review of public comments received under paragraph (c), if the commissioner determines that a covered battery stewardship plan complies with this section and will ensure that elements required by subdivision 2, paragraph (a), will be met to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner must approve the covered battery stewardship plan. The commissioner must provide a written notice of determination to the covered battery stewardship organization and must publish the approved covered battery stewardship plan on the agency's publicly accessible website within 30 days after approval.

(f) The covered battery stewardship organization must implement the covered battery stewardship plan approved by the commissioner, including any amendments to the stewardship plan that are approved by the commissioner according to subdivision 5, within 60 days after receiving written notice of approval.

(g) For each covered battery stewardship plan or amendment submitted to the commissioner for review, the commissioner may consider the data submitted according to section 115A.1337, subdivision 6, and other relevant information to establish requirements to improve the effectiveness, performance, and awareness of the covered battery stewardship program.

Subd. 5. **Amending or terminating a covered battery stewardship plan.** (a) A covered battery stewardship organization may amend a covered battery stewardship plan approved under subdivision 4 without review or approval by the commissioner to make the changes specified in clauses (1) to (3). Within 30 days after adopting an amendment under this paragraph, a covered battery stewardship organization must report the amendment to the commissioner and the commissioner must publish the amended stewardship plan on the agency's publicly accessible website. A covered battery stewardship organization must implement amendments made to a stewardship plan under this paragraph within 60 days after adopting the amendment. A covered battery stewardship organization may:

(1) add; terminate, when authorized under section 115A.1337, subdivision 1, if applicable; or replace a covered battery collector, collection site, person providing covered services, or facility where covered services will be performed;

(2) add or remove participants or brands covered under a covered battery stewardship plan; or

(3) change contact staff or contact staff information for a covered battery stewardship organization, participants, covered battery collectors, or persons providing covered services.

(b) Except for an amendment under paragraph (a), a covered battery stewardship plan containing any amendment must be submitted to and reviewed and approved by the commissioner before it may be implemented by a covered battery stewardship organization. The commissioner must review and approve or reject the covered battery stewardship plan containing the proposed amendment according to subdivision 4.

(c) A covered battery stewardship organization must submit an amended covered battery stewardship plan for review:

(1) at least every five years according to this subdivision and subdivision 4; or

(2) within 60 days if the commissioner determines that an amended stewardship plan is necessary to implement sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347.

(d) A covered battery stewardship organization may terminate a covered battery stewardship plan only:

(1) by providing at least 90 days' written notice to the commissioner and to all covered battery stewardship organizations and participants in the covered battery stewardship program; and

(2) after a replacement covered battery stewardship plan submitted by the covered battery stewardship organization or a new covered battery stewardship organization is approved by the commissioner under subdivision 4.

(e) The commissioner may terminate a covered battery stewardship plan for good cause, as defined in paragraph (f). If the commissioner terminates a covered battery stewardship plan, the commissioner must provide the covered battery stewardship organization with written notice of termination describing the good cause for termination. The commissioner must also notify all participants in the covered battery stewardship program in writing of the termination, using the contact information for the participants provided in the covered battery stewardship plan.

(f) For purposes of paragraph (e), "good cause" includes but is not limited to:

(1) failure by a covered battery stewardship organization to:

(i) fully and accurately disclose required or requested information to the commissioner;

(ii) comply with the terms of sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347; or

(iii) pay fees or penalties owed to the commissioner or comply with an order lawfully issued by the commissioner; and

(2) a finding that a covered battery stewardship organization's activities endanger human health or the environment and the danger cannot reasonably be removed by an amendment to a covered battery stewardship plan.

Subd. 6. **Compliance.** (a) A covered battery stewardship organization must comply with a covered battery stewardship plan approved by the commissioner, including any amendments to the stewardship plan that are made according to subdivision 5, paragraph (a) or (b). A covered battery stewardship organization must ensure that all participants, covered battery collectors, and persons providing covered services acting on behalf of the covered battery stewardship organization also comply with the stewardship plan and are responsible to the covered battery stewardship organization and to the commissioner for compliance.

(b) A covered battery stewardship organization must ensure that covered battery collectors are reimbursed according to the reimbursement rates approved by the commissioner according to this section and the system described in a covered battery stewardship plan.

(c) A covered battery stewardship organization must ensure that all costs of a covered battery stewardship program as specified in sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 are fully paid for by participants. All costs of a covered battery stewardship program must be allocated fairly between groups of participants without any fee, charge, surcharge, or any other cost to:

(1) any member of the public;

(2) any business other than a covered battery producer;

(3) any covered battery collector;

(4) any person providing covered services;

(5) the state or any political subdivision; or

(6) any other person that is not a covered battery producer.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 5. **[115A.1337] COVERED BATTERY STEWARDSHIP ORGANIZATION; DUTIES AND STRUCTURE.**

Subdivision 1. **Duties to covered battery collectors.** (a) A covered battery stewardship organization must ensure that the following are provided to each covered battery collector:

(1) reimbursement at the rates determined according to section 115A.1335 and the system described in a covered battery stewardship plan;

(2) pickup and transport of collected covered batteries from each covered battery collection site in sufficient time and quantity to allow a covered battery collector to safely receive covered batteries without interruption or cost to the covered battery collector;

(3) appropriate containers for storage and transportation of covered batteries and supplies necessary for the collection of covered batteries;

(4) signage to identify collection sites and the covered batteries accepted at the collection sites;

(5) training for covered battery collection site employees on identifying and safely handling and storing covered batteries, including damaged, defective, or recalled batteries, also known as DDR batteries; and

(6) educational materials that address the information described in subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (3), for distribution to members of the public and businesses in Minnesota. The educational materials must be made available in English and at least the three languages most commonly spoken at homes in the state other than English, according to the state demographer.

(b) A covered battery stewardship organizations must consider the request of a covered battery collector to perform covered services if the covered battery collector meets the performance standards in a covered battery stewardship plan under section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (14), and the covered battery collector and the covered battery stewardship organization agree after negotiation in good faith on the fees to be paid to the covered battery collector for performing the covered services. A covered battery stewardship plan must identify the covered battery collector as providing covered services according to section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (5).

(c) A covered battery stewardship organizations must allow the following persons to serve as a covered battery collector:

(1) a person that agrees to operate or continues to operate a covered battery collection site in compliance with:

(i) section 115A.1341, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a) and (d);

(ii) section 115A.1341, subdivision 1, paragraph (b) or (c), as applicable;

(iii) the conditions in section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (17) to (20), (22), and (23); and

(iv) any other applicable provisions of a covered battery stewardship plan in section 115A.1335; and

(2) a household hazardous waste management program.

(d) A covered battery stewardship organization may not require a person that sells, offers for sale or promotional purposes, distributes, or facilitates a sale of a covered battery or battery-containing product in or into the state to be a covered battery collector or operate a covered battery collection site.

(e) A covered battery stewardship organization may terminate a covered battery collector, except a household hazardous waste management program, and cease payment to the covered battery collector for good cause. Good cause under this paragraph does not include accepting a battery subject to recall. A covered battery stewardship organization may suspend a covered battery collector that is a household hazardous waste management program and cease payment to the covered battery collector for good cause with the approval of the commissioner, until the commissioner determines that the household hazardous waste management program is compliant with sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347.

Subd. 2. **Accessibility.** (a) A covered battery stewardship program must provide convenient, equitable, and accessible service to all persons in Minnesota, including but not limited to people of color; Minnesota Tribal governments as defined in section 10.65, subdivision 2; those that are non-English speaking; immigrant and refugee communities; those with limited access to transportation; and those in environmental justice areas.

(b) A covered battery stewardship program must include collection opportunities beyond those required under section 115A.1335, subdivision 3, to better serve populations under paragraph (a).

(c) Where feasible, a covered battery stewardship program must encourage establishing covered battery collection sites in proximity to local public transit.

Subd. 3. **Oversight.** A covered battery stewardship organization must ensure that covered batteries and residual materials managed under a covered battery stewardship program are managed according to the performance standards in section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (14), by all persons providing covered services.

Subd. 4. **Program effectiveness.** (a) To support the effectiveness of a covered battery stewardship program, a covered battery stewardship organization must provide outreach and education to:

(1) persons that might sell, offer for sale or promotional purposes, distribute, or facilitate a sale of covered batteries in or into the state, to inform them of the requirements of section 115A.1347, subdivision 2;

(2) potential covered battery collectors and persons that are collecting covered batteries before the effective date of this section to inform them how to request coverage by a covered battery stewardship program; and

(3) members of the public to raise awareness of:

(i) public health and safety and environmental risks caused by improperly charging, storing, and disposing of covered batteries;

(ii) the need to safely charge and store covered batteries;

(iii) the benefits of recycling covered batteries in contrast to disposal; and

(iv) the existence of a covered battery stewardship program and the ability to manage covered batteries at no cost, including the location and convenience of covered battery collection sites in the state.

(b) A covered battery stewardship organization must maintain a publicly accessible website to locate covered battery collection sites through map-based and text-based searches.

(c) The commissioner may determine the effectiveness of a covered battery stewardship program using information from waste composition studies under section 115A.412 and other information available to the commissioner. The commissioner may require a covered battery stewardship organization to submit for approval proposals that when implemented would decrease the incidence of covered batteries in solid waste in accordance with section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (39). A covered battery stewardship organization must implement a proposal that is approved by the commissioner.

Subd. 5. **Stakeholder consultation.** (a) A covered battery stewardship organization must regularly consult with stakeholders associated with covered batteries. If there is more than one covered battery stewardship organization, each covered battery stewardship organization must jointly fulfill the requirements of this subdivision. At least one consultation meeting must occur before a covered battery stewardship plan is submitted to the commissioner.

(b) A consultation meeting is to:

(1) assist with drafting and continuous review of a covered battery stewardship organization's outreach and education activities, including but not limited to signage and educational materials; and

(2) make recommendations to a covered battery stewardship organization and the commissioner to continuously improve the effectiveness of the outreach and education activities and maximize participation in a covered battery stewardship program.

(c) A meeting must include representatives of stakeholders of a covered battery stewardship program, including but not limited to the commissioner, household hazardous waste management programs, covered battery collectors that are not household waste management programs, persons providing or that might provide covered services, producers, and other persons providing statewide representation.

Subd. 6. **Reporting.** By June 1 each year after a covered battery stewardship plan is approved under section 115A.1335, subdivision 4, a covered battery stewardship organization must report to the commissioner, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, on the covered battery stewardship organization's activities during the preceding calendar year. A report must include:

(1) the address, county of location, and geolocation data for each covered battery collection site served by the covered battery stewardship program during the preceding calendar year;

(2) the chemistry by weight of covered batteries collected during each calendar year, in accordance with section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (25);

(3) a description by chemistry by weight of the end management through recycling or disposal of the covered batteries shipped from covered battery collection sites under the covered battery stewardship program, in accordance with section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (38);

(4) the method or methods of verification used by the covered battery stewardship organization to ensure that the description in clause (3) accurately reflects the actual end management of the covered batteries;

(5) the effectiveness of the covered battery stewardship organization's efforts to decrease the incidence of covered batteries in solid waste in the state, in accordance with section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (39);

(6) a summary of the results of the oversight according to section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (14);

(7) a description of outreach and education activities provided by the covered battery stewardship organization during the preceding calendar year according to subdivision 4;

(8) a financial report on the covered battery stewardship program, including actual costs and funding compared to the budget for the year submitted under section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (b). The financial report must include an audit report of the covered battery stewardship program, including the covered battery stewardship organization and any additional covered battery stewardship organizations, by an independent auditor. The independent auditor may be selected by

the covered battery stewardship organization and may be rejected by the commissioner for good cause. If the commissioner rejects an independent auditor, the covered battery stewardship organization must select a different independent auditor, which may be rejected by the commissioner for good cause;

(9) the proposed and actual budget for the period covered by the report; and

(10) starting in the second year after the covered battery stewardship organization's first covered battery stewardship plan is approved by the commissioner, and then every third year thereafter, a performance audit of the covered battery stewardship program. The performance audit must conform to audit standards established by the United States Government Accountability Office; the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers; or another nationally recognized organization approved by the commissioner.

Subd. 7. **Organization of a covered battery stewardship organization.** (a) A covered battery stewardship organization must comply with section 5.36.

(b) A covered battery stewardship organization may contract with any persons to implement or administer a portion or portions of a covered battery stewardship plan or to coordinate with a group or groups of participants.

(c) A contract established under paragraph (b) must be described under section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (6).

(d) Notwithstanding any contract established under paragraph (b), a covered battery stewardship organization must:

(1) submit a covered battery stewardship plan to the commissioner meeting the requirements of sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347;

(2) submit a report to the commissioner according to subdivision 6 meeting the requirements of sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347;

(3) serve as the single point of contact for reporting, reimbursement, and payment to the agency; and

(4) maintain all responsibility and liability for compliance with all other requirements of sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 applicable to a covered battery stewardship organization.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 6. **[115A.1339] FEES.**

Subdivision 1. **Administrative fees.** (a) By October 1, 2027, the commissioner must calculate the sum of all costs that the agency incurred to implement and administer sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

(b) By December 1, 2027, the commissioner must assess an administrative fee and equally split the fee among all covered battery stewardship organizations at an amount that is adequate to reimburse

the agency's costs calculated under paragraph (a). A covered battery stewardship organization must pay the assessed administrative fee by the due date set by the commissioner.

(c) By April 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the commissioner must calculate the sum of all costs that the agency incurred to implement and administer sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 during the six months of July through December of the preceding calendar year. By October 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the commissioner must calculate the sum of all costs that the agency incurred to implement and administer sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 during the six months of January through June of that calendar year.

(d) Notwithstanding section 16A.1283, the commissioner must semiannually assess the annual administrative fees and equally split the fees among all covered battery stewardship organizations at an amount that is adequate to reimburse the agency's costs calculated under paragraph (c). A covered battery stewardship organization must pay the assessed administrative fees by the due dates set by the commissioner.

(e) All agency costs calculated under this subdivision may be recovered in a civil action brought by the attorney general against any person that may be liable under this subdivision or any other law. Any costs that are recovered by the attorney general, including any award of attorney fees, must be deposited in the covered battery stewardship account in the special revenue fund.

Subd. 2. **Disposition of fees.** The total amount of net fees collected under this section must not exceed the amount necessary to reimburse agency costs as calculated under subdivision 1. All fees received under subdivision 1 must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a covered battery stewardship account in the special revenue fund. The amount collected under this section is annually appropriated to the commissioner to implement and enforce sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 7. **[115A.1341] COVERED BATTERY COLLECTOR DUTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Accepting covered batteries.** (a) A covered battery collector must accept covered batteries of any brand, type, or chemistry without imposing a fee, charge, surcharge, or other cost to any person other than a covered battery stewardship organization.

(b) At a covered medium battery collection site, a covered battery collector must accept from any person daily at least:

(1) ten covered small batteries; and

(2) four covered medium batteries.

(c) At a covered small battery collection site, a covered battery collector must accept from any person daily at least ten covered small batteries.

(d) A covered battery collection site must be open to receiving covered batteries at least 12 operating hours per week, 50 weeks each calendar year.

(e) A household hazardous waste management program may accept covered batteries at any covered battery collection site that the program operates.

(f) A covered battery stewardship organization may count a covered battery collection site when demonstrating compliance with the convenience standards under section 115A.1335, subdivision 3, only if the covered battery collection site complies with paragraph (b) or (c).

Subd. 2. **Storing accepted covered batteries.** A covered battery collector must manage and store all accepted covered batteries safely and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including but not limited to applicable rules adopted under section 116.07 for managing solid waste and hazardous waste.

Subd. 3. **Training.** A covered battery collector must ensure and document that training is provided for covered battery collection site employees on identifying and safely handling and storing covered batteries, including damaged, defective, or recalled batteries, also known as DDR batteries. A covered battery collector may provide the training or may receive training through a covered battery stewardship organization.

Subd. 4. **Record keeping.** (a) A covered battery collector must maintain records as specified in this paragraph for at least three years and make the records available to the commissioner for inspection. The records must include the chemistry by weight of covered batteries and any additional information required by the commissioner. The records must document for each calendar year the covered batteries:

(1) accepted at a covered battery collection site; and

(2) shipped from a covered battery collection site.

(b) A covered battery collector must maintain documentation of each employee's training related to covered batteries starting on the date of training and for at least three years following the last day that the employee worked for the covered battery collector.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 8. **[115A.1345] OTHER AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Limited private right of action against producers.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (d), a covered battery stewardship organization may maintain a civil action against one or more covered battery producers to recover a portion of the covered battery stewardship organization's costs and additional amounts according to this subdivision.

(b) Damages recoverable under this subdivision may not exceed a fair share of the actual costs incurred by the plaintiff covered battery stewardship organization under sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347; of managing covered batteries of other covered battery producers that were not participants; or that should otherwise have been due to the covered battery stewardship organization. Additional amounts recoverable under this subdivision include an award of reasonable attorney fees and costs. If a defendant covered battery producer did not participate in a covered battery stewardship program during the period when covered batteries of the defendant were managed by the plaintiff covered battery stewardship organization, a punitive sum of up to three times the damages awarded may be assessed.

(c) A plaintiff covered battery stewardship organization may establish a defendant covered battery producer's fair share of the plaintiff's actual costs by providing the court with information establishing the process by which the defendant covered battery producer's share of covered battery stewardship program costs would have been allocated had the defendant covered battery producer been a participant in the program or paid its allocated share if it was a participant. A plaintiff covered battery stewardship organization may use data from covered battery producers similar in covered battery, financial status, or market share to the defendant covered battery producer to provide the information.

(d) An action may not be commenced under this subdivision against a potential defendant until 60 days after the plaintiff provides to all potential defendants a written notice of the claim setting forth the amount of the claim and the basis for the calculation of the amount.

(e) No action may be brought under this subdivision against a person other than a covered battery producer.

(f) The commissioner may not be a party to or be required to provide assistance or otherwise participate in a civil action authorized under this subdivision unless subject to a subpoena before a court of jurisdiction.

Subd. 2. **Conduct authorized.** A covered battery producer or covered battery stewardship organization that organizes collection and covered services for covered batteries under sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 is immune from liability for the conduct under state laws relating to antitrust, restraint of trade, unfair trade practices, and other regulation of trade or commerce only to the extent that the conduct is necessary to plan and implement the covered battery producer's or covered battery stewardship organization's chosen system.

Subd. 3. **Duty to retain and provide information.** (a) Upon request of the commissioner for purposes of implementing sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347, 115A.9157, or 325E.125, a person must furnish to the commissioner any information that the person has or may reasonably obtain.

(b) A covered battery stewardship organization must retain any information referenced in a covered battery stewardship plan or report required under section 115A.1337 for at least three years after the termination of the covered battery stewardship plan.

Subd. 4. **Contracts.** (a) Any person awarded a contract under chapter 16C for purchase or lease of covered batteries that is found to be in violation of sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 is subject to the following sanctions:

(1) the contract must be voided if the commissioner of administration determines that the potential adverse impact to the state is exceeded by the benefit obtained from voiding the contract; and

(2) the contractor is subject to suspension and disbarment under Minnesota Rules, part 1230.1150.

(b) If the attorney general establishes that any money, property, or benefit was obtained by a contractor as a result of violating sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347, the court may, in addition to any other remedy, order the disgorgement of the unlawfully obtained money, property, or benefit.

Subd. 5. **Multistate implementation.** The commissioner may participate in establishing a regional multistate organization or compact to assist in carrying out the requirements of sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347.

Subd. 6. **Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules to implement sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347. The 18-month time limit under section 14.125 does not apply to rulemaking under this subdivision.

Subd. 7. **Batteries subject to recall for safety reasons.** All costs for receipt, sorting, storage, transport, processing, recycling, and disposal of a battery subject to recall for safety reasons that would otherwise be a covered battery are the responsibility of the person that would otherwise be the covered battery producer of the battery. A covered battery stewardship organization may charge that person for any costs incurred by the covered battery stewardship organization managing such a battery. The covered battery stewardship organization may take action under subdivision 1 to recover such costs. A covered battery stewardship organization is responsible only for collection and management of such a battery if received by a covered battery collector, and not any other actions associated with recall of the battery.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 9. **[115A.1347] DISPOSAL PROHIBITIONS; BATTERY LABELING; COVERED BATTERY SALES RESTRICTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Disposal prohibition.** (a) A person may not place a covered battery into:

(1) solid waste; or

(2) a recycling container that a covered battery collector, or another person that will ensure proper management of collected covered batteries, has not clearly marked for use for collecting covered batteries.

(b) A person must manage a covered battery that is discarded by delivering the covered battery to a covered battery collection site or to a recycling facility for covered batteries.

(c) Until recycled, covered batteries are not exempt from any applicable rules adopted under section 116.07 for managing hazardous waste.

(d) An owner or operator of a waste facility or recycling facility may only be found in violation of paragraph (a) or (b) for a covered battery placed by another person if:

(1) the commissioner first determines that the owner or operator has not complied with the applicable requirements of the solid waste permit issued by the commissioner or established by rule, such as requirements for the management of materials that are prohibited for placement in solid waste; and

(2) the owner or operator does not immediately remove and properly manage the covered battery when the owner or operator discovers it.

Subd. 2. **Labeling and sale; requirements.** (a) A person may not sell, including online sales; offer for sale or promotional purposes; distribute; or facilitate a sale of a covered battery in or into

the state unless the covered battery is labeled as required under clauses (1) and (2). Labeling under this paragraph must be permanently marked on or affixed to the covered battery and must use language, graphics, or a QR code. A QR code must be compliant with International Organization of Standardization 18004:2015 and access equivalent data via the Internet that is available without a fee or a requirement to create an account. The labeling must identify:

(1) the battery chemistry employed to store energy in the battery; and

(2) the manufacturer of the battery or the brand under which the battery will be sold.

(b) A person may not sell, including online sales; offer for sale or promotional purposes; distribute; or facilitate a sale of a covered battery or a battery-containing product in or into the state unless:

(1) the covered battery producer is named as a participant in a covered battery stewardship plan published on the agency's publicly accessible website under section 115A.1335, subdivision 4, paragraph (e), or 5, paragraph (a);

(2) the brand is named as covered in a covered battery stewardship plan published on the agency's publicly accessible website under section 115A.1335, subdivision 4, paragraph (e), or 5, paragraph (a); or

(3) the covered battery stewardship organization with which the covered battery producer is a participant has obtained approval of reimbursement rates according to section 115A.1335.

(c) A person may not sell, including online sales; offer for sale or promotional purposes; distribute; or facilitate a sale of a covered battery or a battery-containing product in or into the state if the covered battery stewardship plan under which the covered battery was covered has been terminated under section 115A.1335, subdivision 5, until a new covered battery stewardship plan is approved under section 115A.1335, subdivision 4.

(d) This subdivision does not apply to sales, including online sales; offers for sale or promotional purposes; distribution; or facilitation of a sale of a used covered battery or used battery-containing product.

(e) A person is not in violation of paragraph (b) or (c) if, within six months before the date the person sells, offers for sale or promotional purposes, distributes, or facilitates a sale of a covered battery or battery-containing product in or into the state, a covered battery stewardship plan published on the agency's publicly accessible website under section 115A.1335, subdivision 4, paragraph (e), or 5, paragraph (a), identified the covered battery producer as a participant or the brand as covered in a covered battery stewardship program.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2029.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.554, is amended to read:

115A.554 AUTHORITY OF SANITARY DISTRICTS.

A sanitary district has the authorities and duties of counties within the district's boundary for purposes of sections 115A.0716; 115A.46, subdivisions 4 and 5; 115A.48; 115A.551; 115A.552;

115A.553; 115A.919; 115A.929; 115A.93; 115A.96, subdivision 6; ~~115A.961;~~ 116.072; 375.18, subdivision 14; 400.04; 400.06; 400.07; 400.08; 400.16; and 400.161.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.9157, is amended to read:

115A.9157 RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES AND PRODUCTS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** ~~For the purpose of this section, "rechargeable battery" means a sealed nickel-cadmium battery, a sealed lead-acid battery, or any other rechargeable battery, except a rechargeable battery governed by section 115A.9155 or exempted by the commissioner under subdivision 9.~~ The terms used in this section have the meanings given in sections 115A.03 and 115A.1331.

Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** ~~Effective August 1, 1991, a person may not place in mixed municipal solid waste a rechargeable battery, a rechargeable battery pack, a product with a nonremovable rechargeable battery, or a product powered by rechargeable batteries or rechargeable battery pack, from which all batteries or battery packs have not been removed.~~ A person may not place a product powered by rechargeable batteries in solid waste unless all batteries have been removed from the product.

Subd. 3. **Collection and management costs.** A manufacturer of ~~rechargeable batteries or~~ products powered by rechargeable batteries that are not easily removable from the products is responsible for the costs of collecting and managing its ~~waste rechargeable batteries and waste~~ products under subdivision 5 to ensure that the products and batteries are not part of the solid waste stream.

Subd. 5. **Collection and management programs.** (a) ~~By September 20, 1995, the manufacturers~~ A manufacturer under subdivision 3 or their representative organization shall implement a permanent ~~programs, based on the results of the pilot projects required in Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 115A.9157, subdivision 4,~~ program that may be reasonably expected to collect 90 percent of the ~~waste rechargeable batteries and the~~ participating ~~manufacturers'~~ manufacturer's products powered by rechargeable batteries that are not easily removable from the products and that are generated as waste in the state. The ~~batteries and~~ products collected must be recycled or otherwise managed or disposed of properly.

(b) In every odd-numbered year ~~after 1995~~, each manufacturer or a representative organization shall provide information to the commissioner and the senate and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and environment and natural resources finance that specifies at least the estimated amount of battery-containing products powered by rechargeable batteries that are not easily removed from the products subject to this section ~~sold~~ generated as waste in the state by ~~each~~ manufacturer ~~and~~, the amount of ~~batteries each~~ such products collected during the previous two years, and the methodology used to calculate those amounts. A representative organization may report the amounts in aggregate for all the members of the organization.

Subd. 6. ~~**List of participants**~~ **Program notice.** A manufacturer or its representative organization shall inform the commissioner and the committees listed in subdivision 5 when they begin

~~participating in the projects and programs~~ implementing a program under subdivision 5 and immediately if they ~~withdraw participation~~ stop implementing a program.

Subd. 7. **Contracts.** A manufacturer or a representative organization of manufacturers may contract with ~~the state or a political subdivision~~ any person to provide collection services under this section. The manufacturer or organization shall fully reimburse the ~~state or political subdivision~~ person for the value of any contractual services rendered under this subdivision.

Subd. 8. **Anticompetitive conduct.** A manufacturer or organization of manufacturers and its officers, members, employees, and agents who participate in ~~projects or programs to collect and properly manage waste rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries~~ a program under this section are immune from liability under state law relating to antitrust, restraint of trade, unfair trade practices, and other regulation of trade or commerce for activities related to the collection and management of ~~batteries and~~ products required under this section.

~~Subd. 9. **Exemptions.** To ensure that new types of batteries do not add additional hazardous or toxic materials to the mixed municipal solid waste stream, the commissioner of the agency may exempt a new type of rechargeable battery from the requirements of this section if it poses no unreasonable hazard when placed in and processed or disposed of as part of a mixed municipal solid waste.~~

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.92, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Mercury thermometers prohibited.** (a) A manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer may not sell or distribute at no cost a thermometer containing mercury that was manufactured after June 1, 2001.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to an electronic thermometer with a battery containing mercury if the battery is in compliance with ~~section 325E.125~~ subdivision 8l.

(c) A manufacturer is in compliance with this subdivision if the manufacturer:

(1) has received an exclusion or exemption from a state that is a member of the Interstate Mercury Education and Reduction Clearinghouse (IMERC) for replacement parts when no alternative is available or for an application when no feasible alternative is available;

(2) submits a copy of the approved exclusion or exemption to the commissioner; and

(3) meets all of the requirements in the approved exclusion or exemption for the manufacturer's activities within the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.92, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8l. **Ban; mercury in batteries.** A person may not sell, offer for sale, or distribute in or into the state:

(1) an alkaline manganese battery that contains mercury that is not a button cell nonrechargeable battery;

(2) a nonrechargeable button cell battery that contains more than 25 milligrams of mercury; or

(3) a dry cell battery containing a mercuric oxide electrode.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325E.125, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Prohibitions.** ~~A manufacturer of rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries that does not participate in the pilot projects and programs required in section 115A.9157~~ A person may not sell, including online sales, facilitate a sale of, distribute, or offer for sale in or into this state rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries ~~after January 1, 1992.~~

~~After January 1, 1992, a person who first purchases rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries for importation into the state for resale may not purchase rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries made by any person other than a~~ that are not easily removable unless the manufacturer ~~that~~ participates in the ~~projects and programs~~ program required under section 115A.9157.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325E.1251, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Recovery of costs.** Section 325E.125 may be enforced under ~~section~~ sections 115.071 and 116.072. In an enforcement action under this section in which the state prevails, the state may recover reasonable administrative expenses, court costs, and attorney fees incurred to take the enforcement action, in an amount to be determined by the court.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 16. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115A.9155; 115A.961, subdivisions 1, 2, and 3; 325E.125, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 3, and 4; and 325E.1251, subdivision 1, are repealed."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a stewardship program for batteries; prohibiting mercury in batteries; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; modifying previous appropriations; extending the availability of previous appropriations; modifying the effective date of previously enacted legislation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115A.03, by adding subdivisions; 115A.554; 115A.9157; 116.92, subdivision 6, by adding a subdivision; 325E.125, subdivision 5; 325E.1251, subdivision 2; Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, as amended; Laws 2024, chapter 90, article 1, section 52; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115A.9155; 115A.961, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 325E.125, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 3, 4; 325E.1251, subdivision 1."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Port from the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention, to which was referred

S.F. No. 203: A bill for an act relating to housing; authorizing the issuance of housing infrastructure bonds; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.37, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.015, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **Representative acting on behalf of residents.** "Representative acting on behalf of residents" means a representative who is authorized to represent residents in the purchase of property for the purposes of this chapter, and has gained that authorization by obtaining the signature of support from at least one resident who is a homeowner-signatory to the home's lot lease agreement as defined by subdivision 14, from ~~at least 51~~ greater than 50 percent of the ~~occupied~~ homes occupied by the owner of the home or an adult family member of the owner in a manufactured home park. The signature of a resident who is a signatory to the home's lot lease agreement asserting that they are a resident of that manufactured home park shall be presumptive evidence of the claim that the representative is authorized to act on behalf of the resident and shall be exclusive to only one representative acting on behalf of residents. A homeowner may indicate support for proposing a purchase agreement by signing a petition or other document that states support for proposing a purchase agreement.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Rent.** All periodic rental payments charged to residents by the park owner shall be uniform throughout the park, except that a higher rent may be charged to a particular resident due to the larger size or location of the lot, or the special services or facilities furnished by the park. A park owner may charge a reasonable fee for delinquent rent where the fee is provided for in the rental agreement, except in no case may the fee exceed eight percent of the delinquent rent payment. The fee shall be enforceable as part of the rent owed by the resident. No park owner shall charge to a resident any fee, whether as part of or in addition to the periodic rental payment, which is based on the number of persons residing or staying in the resident's home, the number or age of children residing or staying in the home, the number of guests staying in the home, the size of the home, the fact that the home is temporarily vacant or the type of personal property used or located in the home. The park owner may charge an additional fee for pets owned by the resident, but the fee may not exceed $4 per pet per month. This subdivision does not prohibit a park owner from abating all or a portion of the rent of a particular resident with special needs.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Billing permitted.** A park owner who either provides utility service directly to residents or who redistributes to residents utility service provided to the park owner by a utility

provider may charge the residents for that service, only if the charges comply with this section. A park owner may not charge residents for costs of repairs by utility providers or for costs imposed by utility providers for services provided in response to reports of interruptions of utilities.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Itemized billing required.** A park owner must provide an itemized bill separately that clearly labels each service or item charged to the resident.

Sec. 5. **[327C.041] ACCESS BY UTILITY PROVIDERS.**

In a park where residents receive utilities from a utility provider, either directly or through redistribution by the park owner, the park owner must not deny access to a utility provider seeking access for the purposes of repairing faulty or defective utility equipment or investigating reports of an interruption of utilities. A resident may provide a utility provider access to the park for these purposes.

Sec. 6. **[327C.051] HABITABILITY COVENANTS REGARDING TREES THAT PRESENT SAFETY HAZARDS.**

(a) Park owner covenants under section 504B.161 include the trimming and care of trees and the removal of unsound trees when the trees present safety hazards.

(b) Within 14 days of receiving written notice from a resident that a tree or branch presents a safety hazard, the park owner must either:

(1) remove the tree or branch; or

(2) receive an opinion on the safety of the tree or branch from an arborist who has inspected the tree or branch in person.

(c) If an arborist advises that a tree or branch presents a safety hazard, the park owner must remove the tree or branch within five days of inspection by the arborist, unless the arborist advises that it is not the appropriate season for removing the tree or branch. If an arborist advises that a tree or branch presents a safety hazard but that it is not the appropriate season for removing the tree or branch, the owner must schedule the removal to take place during the appropriate season and must provide written notice to the resident of the scheduled date of removal and of the reason for the delay.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Notice of rent increases required.** No increase in the amount of the periodic rental payment due from a resident shall be valid unless the park owner gives the resident 60 days' written notice of the increase. The notice must include the park owner's reason for the rent increase.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Rent increases limited.** A park owner may impose only ~~two~~ one rent ~~increases~~ increase on a resident in any 12-month period. A rent increase must be reasonable. A rent increase may be challenged as unreasonable if the percentage of the increase exceeds three percent of the rent per

month in the prior year. A park owner may prove a rent increase is reasonable by a preponderance of the evidence that the increase is necessary for the health and safety of the residents, or to offset documented increases in operational or capital costs, and special, levied, or pending taxes of the manufactured home park. A rent increase approved by a resident-owned cooperative or corporation formed under chapter 308A, 308B, 308C, or 317A, is presumptively reasonable and is not subject to the limitation of one increase in any 12-month period under this subdivision.

Sec. 9. **[327C.065] PAYMENT OF RENT; DIGITAL PAYMENT PLATFORMS.**

Subdivision 1. **Application.** This section applies to park owners who require or permit residents to use a digital payment platform to pay rent, fees, and other charges.

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Alternative means of payment" means a method of payment other than the use of a digital payment platform and includes payment by check or cash.

(c) "Digital payment platform" means an electronic application or system that permits a user to conduct financial transactions. Digital payment platform includes electronic funds transfers.

(d) "Electronic funds transfer" means a transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by check, draft, or similar paper instrument, that is initiated through an electronic terminal, telephone, computer, or magnetic tape for the purpose of ordering, instructing, or authorizing a financial institution to debit or credit a consumer's account through the use of an automated clearing house system or alternative payment system.

Subd. 3. **Form of payment.** A park owner must offer each resident an alternative to using a digital payment platform to pay rent, fees, or other charges. No fee may be charged to a resident to use the digital payment platform or any alternative means of payment.

Subd. 4. **Digital payment platform.** (a) The park owner must ensure that an itemized list of all current information on the rent, fees, or other charges assessed that correspond to the charges for which the resident is responsible, and all payments received, are readily viewable and accessible to the resident on a digital payment platform or through a means that does not rely on the use of the digital payment platform.

(b) A park owner must provide the resident with a telephone number to call if, for any reason, the digital payment platform or a system used by the park owner to collect an alternative means of payment is unavailable for use by the resident.

Subd. 5. **Adverse action prohibited.** (a) A park owner is prohibited from taking any adverse action, including filing an eviction action or assessing any late fees, when payment of rent, fees, or other charges is not timely because a digital payment platform is out of service or a system used by the park owner to collect an alternative means of payment is unavailable.

(b) It is an affirmative defense to an eviction action brought based on nonpayment that the park owner violated this section. Upon a showing that the park owner violated this section, the court must

dismiss the eviction action and award the resident reasonable attorney fees and any other equitable relief the court deems appropriate.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.097, is amended to read:

327C.097 NOTICE ~~OF UNSOLICITED SALE~~ AND OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE.

Subdivision 1. ~~**Definitions**~~ **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "nonprofit" means a nonprofit organization under chapter 317A.

Subd. 2. **Scope.** (a) This section does not apply to:

~~(1) a purchase of a manufactured home park by a nonprofit or a representative acting on behalf of residents pursuant to a bona fide offer to purchase the park pursuant to subdivision 4;~~

~~(2)~~ (1) a purchase of a manufactured home park by a governmental entity under its powers or threat of eminent domain;

~~(3)~~ (2) a transfer by a corporation or limited liability company to an affiliate, including any shareholder or member of the transferring corporation; any corporation or entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the transferring corporation; or any other corporation or entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any shareholder or member of the transferring corporation;

~~(4)~~ (3) a transfer by a partnership to any of its partners;

~~(5)~~ (4) a sale or transfer between or among joint tenants or tenants in common owning a manufactured home park;

~~(6) an exchange of a manufactured home park for other real property, whether or not such exchange also invoices the payment of cash or boot;~~

~~(7)~~ (5) a conveyance of an interest in a manufactured home park incidental to the financing of the manufactured home park;

~~(8)~~ (6) a conveyance resulting from the foreclosure of a mortgage, cancellation of a contract for deed, or other instrument encumbering a manufactured home park or any deed given in lieu of such foreclosure or cancellation; or

~~(9) a sale or transfer to a person who would be included within the intestate table of descent and distribution of the park owner; or~~

(7) a sale or transfer to:

(i) the park owner's spouse, child, or parent;

(ii) the grandparent of the park owner or the owner's spouse; or

(iii) a descendant of a person listed in item (i) or (ii).

~~(10) a park owner who, within the past year, has provided written notice pursuant to section 327C.096.~~

(b) To qualify for an exemption under this subdivision, a transaction must be made in good faith for a legitimate business purpose or a legitimate familial purpose consistent with the exemptions listed in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, and must not be made for the primary purpose of avoiding the opportunity-to-purchase provisions set forth in this subdivision. Creation of an affiliate, shareholder, partnership, or joint tenancy relationship after a purchase or sale of a manufactured home community has been proposed or discussed shall be presumptive evidence of bad faith.

Subd. 3. **Notice of ~~offer~~ sale.** ~~(a) If a park owner receives an unsolicited bona fide offer to purchase the park that the park owner intends to consider or make a counteroffer to, the park owner's only obligation shall be to mail a notice to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, by certified mail, and to each park resident household, by regular mail. The notice must indicate that the park owner has received an offer that it is considering, and it must disclose the price range and material terms and conditions upon which the park owner would consider selling the park and consider any offer made by a representative acting on behalf of residents or a nonprofit that will become a representative acting on behalf of residents, as provided below. The park owner shall be under no obligation either to sell to the nonprofit or representative acting on behalf of residents or to interrupt or delay other negotiations and shall be free to execute a purchase agreement or contract for the sale of the park to a party or parties other than the representative acting on behalf of residents. Substantial compliance with the notice requirement in this paragraph shall be deemed sufficient.~~

~~(b) The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency must, within five days of receipt of the notice required under paragraph (a), distribute a copy of the notice to any representative acting on behalf of residents and to any nonprofits that register with the agency to receive such notices. The agency shall make a list of any representatives acting on behalf of residents and any registered nonprofits publicly available on its website.~~

(a) No park owner may accept any offer for the sale, lease, or transfer of a manufactured home park to any person other than the representative acting on behalf of residents without first giving 60 days' written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the proposed sale, lease, or transfer to:

(1) each resident of the manufactured home park; and

(2) the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

(b) The notice required under this subdivision must be dated and indicate the price, terms, and conditions of an acceptable offer the park owner has received to sell, lease, or transfer the manufactured home park. In the case of a proposed sale in a single transaction of more than one manufactured home park or of a manufactured home park together with one or more other unrelated properties, the notice must state both the aggregate price for the transaction and the price attributable to the manufactured home park in which the residents receiving the notice reside. The notice must include the following verbatim statement: "The park owner has received and is prepared to accept an outside offer to [sell, lease, transfer] this park. The price, terms, and conditions of the offer are listed below. Before accepting the offer for the [sale, lease, transfer], the park owner will consider any offer submitted within 60 days of the date of this notice by a representative acting on behalf of residents. The owner will negotiate in good faith with the representative. [List of price, terms, and conditions.] The nonprofit organizations listed at [a website designated by Minnesota Housing

Finance Agency] provide assistance to residents who want to evaluate the possibility of purchasing their park."

(c) During the period of 60 days following the date of the notice required under this subdivision, a representative acting on behalf of residents may request and a park owner must within three days of the request send electronically or by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of:

(1) the offer to sell, lease, or transfer the manufactured home park that the park owner is prepared to accept;

(2) the total income collected from the park and related profit centers, including storage and laundry, in the calendar year before delivery of the notice required under this subdivision;

(3) the total operating expenses for the park paid by the owner or landlord in the calendar year before delivery of the notice required under this subdivision;

(4) the cost of all utilities for the park that were paid by the owner in the calendar year before delivery of the notice required under this subdivision;

(5) the annual cost of all insurance policies for the park that were paid by the owner, as shown by the most recent premium;

(6) the number of homes in the park owned by the owner; and

(7) the number of vacant spaces and homes in the park.

(d) The park owner may designate all or part of the financial information provided pursuant to this section as confidential, in which case the park owner must establish, in cooperation with the representative acting on behalf of residents, a list of persons with whom the representative acting on behalf of residents may share the information, including but not limited to any of the following:

(1) one or more members of a resident committee that is working with the representative acting on behalf of residents to evaluate the possibility of purchasing the manufactured home park;

(2) a nonprofit organization or a housing authority;

(3) an attorney or other licensed professional or adviser; and

(4) a financial institution.

(e) A park owner may enter into an agreement to sell, lease, or transfer a manufactured home park prior to providing the notice and purchase opportunity required under subdivisions 3 through 8, provided that the agreement is expressly conditioned upon compliance with those notice and purchase opportunity requirements.

Subd. 4. **~~Unsolicited~~ Residents' offer to purchase.** ~~Nothing contained in this section or section 327C.096 shall prevent a representative acting on behalf of residents or a nonprofit from making an unsolicited bona fide offer to purchase the manufactured home park to the park owner at any time.~~

(a) A representative acting on behalf of residents may submit a written offer to the park owner to purchase the manufactured home park, subject to the conditions required under subdivision 7. The offer must be submitted within 60 days of the postmark date of the notice required under subdivision 3.

(b) If a representative acting on behalf of residents makes an offer pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the park owner must consider the offer and negotiate with the representative acting on behalf of residents in good faith.

(c) If the owner rejects the offer of a representative acting on behalf of residents, the owner must provide written notice to the representative of, and an explanation of the reasons for, rejection of the offer.

(d) The notice of rejection must be sent electronically or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the representative acting on behalf of residents within five days of receipt of the offer from the representative acting on behalf of residents. No owner may make a final, unconditional acceptance of an offer for the sale, lease, or transfer of a manufactured home park earlier than the 15th day following the delivery date of the notice of rejection.

(e) The purchase agreement must permit the representative acting on behalf of residents a commercially reasonable due diligence period of no fewer than 90 days from the date of the agreement to arrange all necessary financing and a commercially reasonable period of time to close on the sale. During the due diligence period, the park owner must provide the same information and access to the park as it would have provided to any other prospective purchaser, which may be subject to a commercially reasonable confidentiality agreement. A community owner shall not reject a proposed purchase agreement solely on the basis that the agreement includes a financing contingency.

Subd. 5. **Optional recording.** (a) A park owner may record with the county recorder or registrar of titles in the county where the park is located an affidavit, with a copy of the notice required under subdivision 3 attached, attesting that:

(1) the park owner has complied with the requirements of this section; or

(2) the sale, lease, or transfer of the manufactured home park is exempt from this section pursuant to subdivision 2.

(b) An affidavit filed in accordance with this subdivision shall be presumptive evidence of compliance for purposes of conveying good title to a bona fide purchaser.

(c) A representative acting on behalf of residents who makes an offer to purchase the park as provided under subdivision 4 may record notice of the offer in the county recorder's office.

Subd. 6. **Good faith obligations.** All transactions governed by, and all actions taken pursuant to, this section must be conducted in good faith.

Subd. 7. **Challenge to petition.** In any action challenging the validity of the signatories of the petition authorizing a representative acting on behalf of residents to represent residents in negotiations to purchase a manufactured home park, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the challenged party's signature is sufficient evidence that the party is a valid signatory.

Subd. 8. **List of interested organizations.** The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency must:

(1) within three business days of receipt of a notice received under subdivision 3, distribute a copy of the notice to nonprofit organizations that register with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to receive such notices; and

(2) make the list of nonprofit organizations that have registered to receive notice publicly available on the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency website.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.15, is amended to read:

327C.15 REMEDIES; PENALTIES; ENFORCEMENT.

(a) Any violation of sections 327C.015 to 327C.14 is a violation of a law referred to in section 8.31, subdivision 1.

(b) A park owner that violates sections 327C.015 to 327C.14 is liable for:

(1) actual, incidental, and consequential damages sustained by the resident as a result of the violation;

(2) injunctive relief as determined by the court;

(3) equitable relief a court considers just and reasonable in the circumstances; and

(4) in the case of any successful action, the cost of the action and reasonable attorney fees as determined by the court.

(c) The remedies provided under this section are cumulative, not exclusive, and do not restrict any remedy that is otherwise available to a plaintiff at law or in equity.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.041, is amended to read:

462A.041 MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS.

(a) ~~Notwithstanding sections 13D.01 and 13D.02,~~ The Housing Finance Agency may conduct a meeting of its members by ~~telephone or other electronic means~~ interactive technology so long as the following conditions are met:

(1) all members of the agency participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

(2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the agency can hear all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the agency;

(3) at least one member of the agency, the commissioner, the deputy commissioner, or an attorney for the agency is physically present at the regular meeting location; and

(4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

(b) Each member of the agency participating in a meeting by ~~electronic means~~ interactive technology is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and participating in all proceedings.

(c) If ~~telephone or another electronic means~~ interactive technology is used to conduct a meeting, the agency to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. ~~The agency may require the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the agency incurs as a result of the additional connection.~~ Meetings must be made available on a website for live video streaming and be archived on a website for playback at a later time.

(d) If ~~telephone or another electronic means~~ interactive technology is used to conduct a regular, special, or emergency meeting, the agency shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the fact that some members may participate by ~~electronic means~~ interactive technology, and of the provisions of paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2026.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Which money in fund.** There shall be paid into the housing development fund:

(1) any moneys appropriated before July 1, 2027, and made available by the state for the purposes of the fund;

(2) any moneys transferred into on or after July 1, 2027, and made available by the state for the purposes of the fund;

~~(2)~~ (3) any moneys which the agency receives in repayment of advances made from the fund;

~~(3)~~ (4) any other moneys which may be made available to the agency for the purpose of the fund from any other source or sources;

~~(4)~~ (5) all fees and charges collected by the agency;

~~(5)~~ (6) all interest or other income not required by the provisions of a resolution or indenture securing notes or bonds to be paid into another special fund.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.20, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Separate accounts; transfers; limits.** Whenever any money is appropriated by the state to the agency solely for a specified purpose or purposes, the agency shall establish a separate bookkeeping account or accounts in the housing development fund to record the receipt and disbursement of such money and of the income, gain, and loss from the investment and reinvestment thereof. Earnings from investment of any amounts appropriated by the state to the agency for a specified purpose or purposes may be aggregated. The costs and expenses necessary and incidental to the development and operation of all programs funded by state appropriations may be paid from the aggregated earnings from investments prior to periodic distributions of earnings to separate accounts to be used for the same purpose as the respective original appropriation. The agency may

transfer unencumbered balances from one appropriated account to another, provided that no money appropriated for the purpose of agency loan programs may be transferred to an account to be used for making grants, except that money appropriated for the purpose of section 462A.05, subdivision 14a, may be transferred for the purpose of section 462A.05, subdivision 15a. This subdivision applies to appropriations made before July 1, 2027.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.20, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3a. **Separate accounts; transfers; limits.** Whenever any money is appropriated from the housing development fund by the state to the agency solely for a specified purpose or purposes, the agency shall establish a separate bookkeeping account or accounts in the housing development fund to record the receipt and disbursement of such money and of the income, gain, and loss from the investment and reinvestment thereof. Earnings from investment of any amounts appropriated by the state from the housing development fund to the agency for a specified purpose or purposes may be aggregated. The costs and expenses necessary and incidental to the development and operation of all programs funded by state appropriations may be paid from the aggregated earnings from investments from the housing development fund prior to periodic distributions of earnings to separate accounts to be used for the same purpose as the respective original appropriation. The agency may transfer unencumbered balances from one appropriated account to another, provided that no money appropriated for the purpose of agency loan programs may be transferred to an account to be used for making grants, except that money appropriated for the purpose of section 462A.05, subdivision 14a, may be transferred for the purpose of section 462A.05, subdivision 15a. This subdivision applies to appropriations made on or after July 1, 2027.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.20, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Operating costs report.** On or before February 15 of each year, the agency ~~shall deliver~~ must submit a report to the chairs ~~of the finance and appropriations committees of the legislature~~ and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over housing finance and policy, ways and means, and finance on the costs of operating the agency in the previous fiscal year. The report ~~shall include~~ must differentiate between costs to administer programs funded by state appropriations and other agency activities. For both types of costs, the report must include the following: (1) the expenditures for salaries and benefits, rent, professional and technical services, and general agency administration~~,~~; (2) the number of full-time equivalent staff positions; and (3) the agency's audited financial statements which include information on expenditures and receipts relating to debt issuance and administration and loan origination and administration. The report ~~shall~~ must also include a budget plan for operating costs that differentiates between the costs to administer programs funded by state appropriations and other agency activities. For both types of costs, the report must include projected costs for salaries and benefits, rent, professional and technical services, and general administration for the current fiscal year, including estimates of changes in costs from the previous fiscal year. If it appears that the costs in the current fiscal year will exceed the budget plan contained in the report submitted under this subdivision, the agency must notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees ~~or divisions~~ with jurisdiction over ~~the agency's budget~~ housing finance and policy that the costs in the current fiscal year will exceed the submitted budget plan and the reasons for the changes in costs and must submit a revised budget plan to the commissioner of management and budget and obtain the commissioner's concurrence with the revised plan. The agency must also notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees ~~or divisions~~ with jurisdiction over ~~the agency's budget~~ housing

finance and policy when the agency is considering an expansion of agency activities that were not contemplated in the submitted budget plan.

Sec. 17. **[462A.2094] CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS.**

The agency may make capacity building grants to nonprofit organizations, local government units, Indian tribes, and Indian tribal organizations to expand their capacity to provide affordable housing and housing-related services. The grants may be used to assess housing needs and to develop and implement strategies to meet those needs, including but not limited to the creation or preservation of affordable housing, prepurchase and postpurchase counseling and associated administrative costs, and the linking of supportive services to the housing. The agency shall adopt policies and procedures specifying the eligible uses of grant money. Funding priority may be given to those applicants that include low-income persons in their membership, have provided housing-related services to low-income people, and demonstrate a local commitment of local resources, which may include in-kind contributions.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.21, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **Certain appropriations available until expended.** Notwithstanding the repeal of section 462A.26 and the provisions of section 16A.28 or any other law relating to lapse of an appropriation, the appropriations made to the agency by the legislature in 1976 and subsequent years are available until fully expended, and the allocations provided in the appropriations remain in effect. Earnings from investments of any of the amounts appropriated to the agency are appropriated to the agency to be used for the same purposes as the respective original appropriations, after payment of the costs and expenses necessary and incidental to the development and operation of the ~~programs authorized under this chapter~~ respective original appropriations. This subdivision applies to appropriations made before July 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10a. **Certain appropriations available until expended.** Notwithstanding section 16A.28 or any other law relating to lapse of an appropriation, the appropriations made from the housing development fund to the agency by the legislature are available until fully expended, and the allocations provided in the appropriations remain in effect. Earnings from investments of any of the amounts appropriated to the agency are appropriated to the agency to be used for the same purposes as the respective original appropriations, after payment of the costs and expenses necessary and incidental to the development and operation of the respective original appropriations. This subdivision applies to appropriations made on or after July 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.21, subdivision 12a, is amended to read:

Subd. 12a. **Program money transfer.** Unencumbered balances of money appropriated for the purpose of loans or grants for agency programs under these subdivisions may be transferred between programs created by these subdivisions or in accordance with section 462A.20, subdivision 3. This subdivision applies to appropriations made before July 1, 2027.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 12b. **Program money transfer.** Unencumbered balances of money appropriated from the housing development fund for the purpose of loans or grants for agency programs under these subdivisions may be transferred between programs created by these subdivisions or in accordance with section 462A.20, subdivision 3. This subdivision applies to appropriations made on or after July 1, 2027.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.37, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2l. **Additional authorization.** In addition to the amount authorized in subdivisions 2 to 2k and 3a, the agency may issue up to $50,000,000 in one or more series to which the payments under this section may be pledged.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 462A.37, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Additional appropriation.** (a) The agency must certify annually to the commissioner of management and budget the actual amount of annual debt service on each series of bonds issued under this section.

(b) Each July 15, beginning in 2015 and through 2037, if any housing infrastructure bonds issued under subdivision 2a, or housing infrastructure bonds issued to refund those bonds, remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the housing infrastructure bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 33, the amount certified under paragraph (a), not to exceed $6,400,000 annually. The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(c) Each July 15, beginning in 2017 and through 2038, if any housing infrastructure bonds issued under subdivision 2b, or housing infrastructure bonds issued to refund those bonds, remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the housing infrastructure bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 33, the amount certified under paragraph (a), not to exceed $800,000 annually. The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(d) Each July 15, beginning in 2019 and through 2040, if any housing infrastructure bonds issued under subdivision 2c, or housing infrastructure bonds issued to refund those bonds, remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the housing infrastructure bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 33, the amount certified under paragraph (a), not to exceed $2,800,000 annually. The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(e) Each July 15, beginning in 2020 and through 2041, if any housing infrastructure bonds issued under subdivision 2d, or housing infrastructure bonds issued to refund those bonds, remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the housing infrastructure bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 33, the amount certified under paragraph

(a). The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(f) Each July 15, beginning in 2020 and through 2041, if any housing infrastructure bonds issued under subdivision 2e, or housing infrastructure bonds issued to refund those bonds, remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the housing infrastructure bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 33, the amount certified under paragraph (a). The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(g) Each July 15, beginning in 2022 and through 2043, if any housing infrastructure bonds issued under subdivision 2f, or housing infrastructure bonds issued to refund those bonds, remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the housing infrastructure bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 33, the amount certified under paragraph (a). The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(h) Each July 15, beginning in 2022 and through 2043, if any housing infrastructure bonds issued under subdivision 2g, or housing infrastructure bonds issued to refund those bonds, remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the housing infrastructure bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 33, the amount certified under paragraph (a). The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(i) Each July 15, beginning in 2023 and through 2044, if any housing infrastructure bonds issued under subdivision 2h, or housing infrastructure bonds issued to refund those bonds, remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the housing infrastructure bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 33, the amount certified under paragraph (a). The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(j) Each July 15, beginning in 2026 and through 2047, if any housing infrastructure bonds issued under subdivision 2j, or housing infrastructure bonds issued to refund those bonds, remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the housing infrastructure bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 33, the amount certified under paragraph (a). The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(k) Each July 15, beginning in 2027 and through 2048, if any housing infrastructure bonds issued under subdivision 2k, or housing infrastructure bonds issued to refund those bonds, remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the housing infrastructure bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 33, the amount certified under paragraph (a). The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(l) Each July 15, beginning in 2028 and through 2049, if any housing infrastructure bonds issued under subdivision 2l or housing infrastructure bonds issued to refund those bonds remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the housing infrastructure bond account

established under section 462A.21, subdivision 33, the amount certified under paragraph (a). The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(m) The agency may pledge to the payment of the housing infrastructure bonds the payments to be made by the state under this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.395, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Eligible projects.** Housing projects eligible for a grant under this section ~~may be~~ must be located outside of a metropolitan county as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and include:

(1) a single-family or a multifamily housing development, ~~and~~ either owner-occupied or rental~~.~~;

(2) housing projects funded under sections 462A.38 and 462A.39; and

~~Housing projects eligible for a grant under this section may also be~~ (3) a manufactured home development qualifying for homestead treatment under section 273.124, subdivision 3a.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.40, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Eligible recipients; definitions; restrictions; use of funds.** (a) The agency may award a grant or a loan to any recipient that qualifies under subdivision 2. The agency must not award a grant or a loan to a disqualified individual or disqualified business.

(b) For the purposes of this subdivision disqualified individual means:

(1) an individual who or an individual whose immediate family member made a contribution to the account in the current or prior taxable year and received a credit certificate;

(2) an individual who or an individual whose immediate family member owns the housing for which the grant or loan will be used;

(3) an individual who meets the following criteria:

(i) the individual is an officer or principal of a business entity; and

(ii) that business entity made a contribution to the account in the current or previous taxable year and received a credit certificate; or

(4) an individual who meets the following criteria:

(i) the individual directly owns, controls, or holds the power to vote 20 percent or more of the outstanding securities of a business entity; and

(ii) that business entity made a contribution to the account in the current or previous taxable year and received a credit certificate.

(c) For the purposes of this subdivision disqualified business means a business entity that:

(1) made a contribution to the account in the current or prior taxable year and received a credit certificate;

(2) has an officer or principal who is an individual who made a contribution to the account in the current or previous taxable year and received a credit certificate; or

(3) meets the following criteria:

(i) the business entity is directly owned, controlled, or is subject to the power to vote 20 percent or more of the outstanding securities by an individual or business entity; and

(ii) that controlling individual or business entity made a contribution to the account in the current or previous taxable year and received a credit certificate.

(d) For purposes of this subdivision, "immediate family" means the taxpayer's spouse, parent or parent's spouse, sibling or sibling's spouse, or child or child's spouse. For a married couple filing a joint return, the limitations in this subdivision apply collectively to the taxpayer and spouse.

(e) Before applying for a grant or loan, all recipients must sign a disclosure that the disqualifications under this subdivision do not apply. The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency must prescribe the form of the disclosure. The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency may rely on the disclosure to determine the eligibility of recipients under paragraph (a).

(f) The agency may award grants or loans to a city as defined in section 462A.03, subdivision 21; a federally recognized American Indian tribe or subdivision located in Minnesota; a tribal housing corporation; a private developer; a nonprofit organization; a housing and redevelopment authority under sections 469.001 to 469.047; a public housing authority or agency authorized by law to exercise any of the powers granted by sections 469.001 to 469.047; or the owner of the housing. The provisions of subdivision 2, and paragraphs (a) to (e) and (g) of this subdivision, regarding the use of funds and eligible recipients apply to grants and loans awarded under this paragraph.

(g) Except for projects receiving funding under section 462A.39, eligible recipients must use the funds to serve households that meet the income limits as provided in section 462A.33, subdivision 5.

Sec. 26. **[462A.45] LIVED-EXPERIENCE ENGAGEMENT EXEMPTION.**

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, income received from lived-experience engagement is not considered income, assets, or personal property for purposes of determining eligibility or recertifying eligibility for state public assistance, including but not limited to:

(1) child care assistance programs under chapter 142E;

(2) general assistance, Minnesota supplemental aid, and food support under chapters 142F and 256D;

(3) housing support under chapter 256I;

(4) Minnesota family investment program under chapter 142G; and

(5) economic assistance programs under chapter 256P.

(b) For purposes of this section, "lived-experience engagement" means the agency engaging with people with relevant experience identified by the agency for the purposes of (1) serving as a community reviewer of proposals submitted as part of an agency request for proposals, or (2) gathering and sharing feedback on the impact of housing programs.

(c) The commissioner of human services must not consider wages earned from lived-experience engagement as income or assets under section 256B.056, subdivision 1a, paragraph (a); subdivision 3; or subdivision 3c, or for persons with eligibility determined under section 256B.057, subdivision 3, 3a, or 3b.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 474A.02, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Aggregate bond limitation.** "Aggregate bond limitation" means ~~up to 55~~ the greater of: (1) 30 percent of the reasonably expected aggregate basis of a residential rental project and the land on which the project is or will be located; or (2) the maximum supportable permanent amortizing debt, subject to a maximum of 40 percent of the reasonably expected aggregate basis of a residential rental project and the land on which the project is or will be located.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2027.

Sec. 28. **[500.50] SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES; PRIVATE EQUITY OWNERSHIP PROHIBITED.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Family entity" means an entity, however organized, that meets the following standards:

(1) all its members are natural persons related to each other within the third degree of kindred according to the rules of civil law; and

(2) its revenue from rent or any other means is paid directly from one member to another.

(c) "Homestead" is a property classified as class 1a under section 273.13, subdivision 22.

(d) "Private equity company" means an investor or group of investors who, alone or in concert with one or more other entities, primarily engage in the raising or returning of capital and who invest, develop, or dispose of specified assets. Private equity company includes publicly or nonpublicly traded entities, real estate investment trusts, and any investment firm that buys and manages private companies to make a profit. A private equity company does not include the following:

(1) a local, state, or federal unit of government or agency;

(2) a land trust as defined in section 462A.31;

(3) a nonprofit organized under chapter 317A that is creating, rehabilitating, or providing affordable housing to low- and moderate-income renters or home buyers;

(4) a corporation primarily engaged in housing development through the construction or substantial rehabilitation of single-family homes;

(5) a mortgage note holder that owns the single-family homes through foreclosure; or

(6) a family entity.

(e) "Real estate investment trust" has the meaning given in United States Code, title 26, section 856.

(f) "Single-family home" means a residential property consisting of one to four dwelling units, but does not include:

(1) an assisted living facility with fewer than five dwelling units licensed under chapter 144G; or

(2) a residential property with fewer than five dwelling units that is controlled by a provider licensed under chapters 245A and 245D and in which residential supports and services as defined in section 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (3), or integrated community support as defined in section 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (8), are provided.

(g) "Substantial rehabilitation" means the repair, reconstruction, or improvement of existing single-family homes that:

(1) increases the value of each single-family home by 20 percent or more; and

(2) makes each single-family home:

(i) compliant with the State Building Code; and

(ii) safe, sanitary, and in compliance with the applicable health and safety laws of the United States, of the state, and of the local units of government, including ordinances regulating rental licensing.

Subd. 2. **Single-family homes; private equity ownership prohibition.** A private equity company is prohibited from having a direct or indirect ownership interest in a single-family home. This subdivision does not prohibit a natural person from acquiring an ownership interest in a home that is classified as homestead property for tax purposes.

Subd. 3. **Exemption; disclosure.** (a) This section does not apply to a private equity company with an ownership interest in fewer than 100 single-family homes.

(b) A private equity company must not have an interest in or receive a benefit from a private equity company that is subject to the exemption under paragraph (a).

(c) A private equity company subject to the exemption under paragraph (a) must, upon request, disclose the following to the attorney general:

(1) a description of all persons with an interest in or affiliated with the private equity company;

(2) a description of all persons receiving a benefit from the private equity company;

(3) a description of all homes the private equity company owns in Minnesota; and

(4) any other financial disclosures requested by the attorney general.

Subd. 4. **Civil penalty; enforcement.** A private equity company that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of $100,000 per violation. The attorney general may enforce this section pursuant to section 8.31. The attorney general must provide written notice of the alleged violation under this section to the private equity company at least 90 days before filing an enforcement action. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in law, including but not limited to section 16A.151, any civil penalty recovered under this subdivision must be deposited into the workforce and affordable homeownership development account under section 462A.38, subdivision 7.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to interests in real property acquired on or after that date.

Sec. 29. **REPEALER.**

(a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.096, is repealed.

(b) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.21, subdivisions 3b, 5, 23, and 26, are repealed."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to housing; authorizing the issuance of housing infrastructure bonds; appropriating money; modifying eligible recipients for Minnesota housing tax credit contributions; modifying housing aggregate bond limitation; modifying certain income provisions; modifying meeting requirements for the housing finance agency; modifying eligible projects for the greater Minnesota housing infrastructure grant program; modifying certain expenditure provisions of the housing development fund; repealing certain allowed expenditures for the housing finance agency; modifying the operating costs report; providing standards for rent and utility payments, fees, and charges in manufactured home parks; requiring certain safety inspections; modifying provisions for sale of manufactured home parks; modifying penalties; limiting private equity company ownership of single-family homes; providing attorney general enforcement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 327C.015, subdivision 13; 327C.03, subdivision 3; 327C.04, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 327C.06, subdivisions 1, 3; 327C.097; 327C.15; 462A.041; 462A.20, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, by adding a subdivision; 462A.21, subdivisions 10, 12a, by adding subdivisions; 462A.37, by adding a subdivision; 462A.395, subdivision 3; 462A.40, subdivision 3; 474A.02, subdivision 1a; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 462A.37, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 327C; 462A; 500; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 327C.096; 462A.21, subdivisions 3b, 5, 23, 26."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 2689: A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; adding and modifying provisions governing Medicaid fraud; providing the attorney general certain subpoena and enforcement authority; providing criminal penalties; making conforming changes; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 8.16, subdivision 1; 609.52, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 256B.12; 609.902, subdivision 4; 628.26; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.466.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services. Report adopted.

Senator Rest from the Committee on Taxes, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 4262: A bill for an act relating to taxes; establishing a property tax task force; requiring a report.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, line 6, after "recommendations" insert ", draft legislation necessary to implement its recommendations,"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Hawj from the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4737: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; authorizing foraging on state land; authorizing rulemaking; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.027, subdivision 13a; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 1, delete "to prohibit foraging plants on state lands,"

Page 2, line 2, delete the comma

Page 2, line 11, delete everything after "(c)" and insert ""Forage plants" means naturally occurring mushrooms, fungi, berries, seeds, nuts, and edible or medicinal:"

Page 2, delete line 12 and insert:

"(1) plant flowers;

(2) plant aerial parts; and

(3) plant roots."

Page 4, line 2, delete "maintain" and insert "dedicate"

Page 5, line 4, delete the third "Minnesota"

Page 5, line 5, delete "Herb Society" and insert "North Country Herbalist Guild"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Champion from the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4535: A bill for an act relating to economic development; establishing a Minnesota business recovery loan program; appropriating money; requiring a report.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **MINNESOTA BUSINESS RECOVERY LOAN PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** (a) $100,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund account to the commissioner of employment and economic development for deposit in the Minnesota business recovery loan account in the special revenue fund established in subdivision 3, for loans under this section. This is a onetime appropriation. Money is available until June 30, 2028.

(b) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph (a):

(1) $18,000,000 is for a grant to the Minnesota Initiative Foundations to be distributed to individual initiative foundations based on the demand of the region serviced by the initiative foundation relative to the purpose of the loan program to provide zero-interest loans to businesses in greater Minnesota; and

(2) $82,000,000 is for grants to nonprofit corporations that meet the criteria under Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18, subdivision 2, and are a currently certified nonprofit partner to provide zero-interest loans to businesses in the seven-county metropolitan area.

(c) For purposes of this section, "partner organizations" or "partner" means nonprofit corporations that have current contracts to enroll small business loans in the Minnesota emerging entrepreneur program, the state small business credit initiative, or both, and that will provide loans under this section. For purposes of this section, "commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

(d) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph (a), no more than five percent may be used for administrative costs incurred by partner organizations in making the loans under this section, and

two percent may be used for costs related to administration and oversight of the program by the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Subd. 2. **Loan program established.** (a) A Minnesota business recovery loan program is established to assist businesses adversely affected by activities and events related to increased immigration enforcement in Minnesota beginning December 1, 2025, to help rebuild and stabilize affected businesses, protect jobs, and ensure recovery of Minnesota's economy.

(b) The commissioner shall purchase a participation interest in loans made by partner organizations to eligible recipients.

(c) The commissioner may negotiate and enter into agreements with the partner organizations to purchase loans originated under this section. Agreements under this section are considered financial assistance agreements and are not considered procurement or grant contracts.

(d) The commissioner may adopt guidelines, forms, and procedures necessary to implement this section.

Subd. 3. **Account established.** The Minnesota business recovery loan account is created as an account in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner to implement the Minnesota business recovery loan program.

Subd. 4. **Eligibility for loan.** To be eligible for a loan under this section, a business must:

(1) be located in the state and owned by one or more permanent residents of the state;

(2) operate from a permanent physical commercial location;

(3) be in good standing with the secretary of state and the Department of Revenue as of the date the loan is awarded;

(4) have annual gross receipts based on the corresponding loan amount levels provided in subdivisions 6 and 7; and

(5) be able to demonstrate a loss in revenue that is greater than 30 percent during the period between December 1, 2025, and February 28, 2026, as compared with the same period during the previous year.

Subd. 5. **Loan participation.** (a) Partner organizations shall enter into an agreement with the commissioner to make loans under the program.

(b) The commissioner shall purchase a 100 percent participation interest in loans made to eligible recipients by partner organizations as specified under this section.

(c) Partner organizations shall be responsible for underwriting, servicing, and monitoring loans purchased by the commissioner.

(d) Partner organizations must conduct outreach to publicize the availability of the loan program to culturally and linguistically diverse communities within the area served by the partner organization.

Subd. 6. **Loan amounts; Minnesota Initiative Foundations.** (a) The minimum state contribution to a loan under this subdivision is $2,500. The maximum loan amounts under this subdivision are as follows:

(1) for businesses having $150,000 or less in annual gross receipts, a maximum loan of $25,000;

(2) for businesses having $500,000 or less in annual gross receipts, a maximum loan of $50,000; and

(3) for businesses having $1,500,000 or less in annual gross receipts, a maximum loan of $150,000.

(b) Loans must be for a term of no more than 60 months.

Subd. 7. **Loan amounts; seven-county metropolitan area.** (a) The minimum state contribution to a loan under this subdivision is $2,500. The maximum loan amounts under this subdivision are as follows:

(1) for businesses having $500,000 or less in annual gross receipts, a maximum loan of $50,000;

(2) for businesses having $1,000,000 or less in annual gross receipts, a maximum loan of $75,000; and

(3) for businesses having $3,000,000 or less in annual gross receipts, a maximum loan of $200,000.

(b) Loans must be for a term of no more than 60 months.

Subd. 8. **Loan purposes.** Loans must be used for business purposes including current obligations related to payroll, lease or mortgage payments, inventory, insurance, property taxes, utilities, and other operating costs associated with ongoing operations exclusively in Minnesota. Borrowers must provide evidence that loan proceeds were used for eligible purposes. Loans must not be used for consolidating, repaying, or refinancing debt accrued prior to December 1, 2025, or speculation or investment in real estate.

Subd. 9. **Deferred payments.** Loan repayments must begin no later than three months after a loan is awarded.

Subd. 10. **Loan forgiveness.** (a) After making 24 consecutive on-time payments, the borrower may apply for forgiveness of up to 60 percent of the loan proceeds.

(b) For the purposes of taxable income, the forgivable portion of the loans are exempt from income tax reporting in Minnesota.

Subd. 11. **Fraud deterrence measures.** (a) Any applicant suspected of fraud must be reported to the commissioner of employment and economic development within 15 days of discovery. The commissioner must send the report to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for investigation.

(b) Each application must display the following notice: "Fraudulent applications will not be tolerated. Information from any suspected fraudulent application will be reported to state investigating authorities."

(c) Applicants must certify by signature that they have read and understand the notice required by paragraph (b).

Subd. 12. **Partner program account; loan payments.** (a) Partner organizations must establish a commissioner-certified account for the purpose of tracking loans purchased under the program.

(b) Loan payments received from borrowers by partner organizations shall be remitted to the commissioner no more than 30 days following the end of each calendar quarter so long as any balance remains outstanding on the loans.

(c) Loan payments received by the commissioner must be returned to the Minnesota forward fund account.

Subd. 13. **Reporting requirements.** (a) Partner organizations must provide annual reports on Minnesota business recovery loans to the commissioner of employment and economic development that include a description of businesses supported by the program, an accounting of the loans made during the quarter, the source and amount of money collected and distributed by the program, the program's assets and liabilities, and an explanation of administrative expenses.

(b) By December 1, 2028, the commissioner of employment and economic development must compile the information received under paragraph (a) in a report detailing the use of money under this section and submit the report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over economic development.

(c) By April 1, 2034, the commissioner must provide a report compiling the information received from a partner organization under paragraph (a) to the chairs and ranking minority members with jurisdiction over economic development. The report must also specify any partner organization that failed to provide the information required under paragraph (a).

Subd. 14. **Expiration.** This section expires December 31, 2033.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. **ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM INCREASED IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN MINNESOTA.**

(a) $250,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the statewide economic impact of increased immigration enforcement since December 1, 2025, on Minnesota businesses and the Minnesota economy. This is a onetime appropriation.

(b) The analysis must include, but is not limited to, evaluation of:

(1) impacts on labor force participation, workforce availability, and workforce shortages across sectors of Minnesota's economy;

(2) impacts on small businesses and microbusinesses, including family-owned, immigrant-owned, and locally owned businesses, with consideration of workforce availability, hiring challenges, operational costs, business continuity, and long-term business sustainability;

(3) sector-specific impacts on industries including agriculture, food processing, construction, health care, hospitality, manufacturing, transportation, and retail;

(4) impacts on business operations, supply chains, productivity, and business closures or relocations;

(5) regional economic impacts across Minnesota, including comparisons across counties and between rural, suburban, and urban communities and regional labor markets, to the extent practicable; and

(6) impacts on consumer spending, state and local tax revenue, and overall economic output.

(c) The commissioner may solicit proposals and contract with a nonpartisan third-party to prepare the report.

(d) By February 1, 2027, the commissioner must submit the analysis in a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over workforce and economic development.

Sec. 3. **CANCELLATION.**

$100,000,000 of the fiscal year 2024 Minnesota forward fund account appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 21, section 7, paragraph (c), is canceled.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the first semicolon, insert "canceling prior appropriations;"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Champion from the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3664: A bill for an act relating to economic development; repealing different unfunded programs of the Department of Employment and Economic Development; making conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116J.575, subdivision 1a; 116J.8731, subdivision 4; 446A.07, subdivision 9; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 446A.07, subdivision 8; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116J.437; 116J.438; 116J.617, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 116J.658; 116J.872; Minnesota Rules, part 3300.0500, subparts 1, 2a, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

APPROPRIATIONS, APPROPRIATION MODIFICATIONS, AND CANCELLATIONS

Section 1. **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Appropriations.** The amounts specified in the following subdivisions are appropriated from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the purposes specified in each subdivision. The appropriations are in fiscal year 2027 and onetime. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.98, subdivision 14, and 116J.035, subdivision 7, the commissioner may use up to three percent of the amounts appropriated for administrative costs.

Subd. 2. **Wallin Educational Partners.** $100,000 is for a grant to Wallin Education Partners to support its career development program, which provides career exploration, skill building, mentoring, direct talent pipeline development, and early employment readiness for underresourced participants. Money may also be used to expand Wallin's construction and health care pathways programs, which offer advising, hands-on learning, and work-based experience to prepare participants for careers in construction and health care.

Subd. 3. **New Pathways.** $130,000 is for a grant to New Pathways in Cambridge to support preemployment and job readiness programming for families with children experiencing homelessness. Money may be used to provide individualized employment preparation, resume and job application assistance, interview readiness, and connections to local employers and training programs. This programming must help parents overcome barriers to employment while working toward stable housing and self-sufficiency through case management, family education, and partnerships with community resources.

Subd. 4. **People Serving People.** $250,000 is for a grant to People Serving People in Minneapolis to provide preemployment and job readiness services for parents and adults experiencing homelessness. Money may be used for resume and cover letter writing support, job search and application assistance, mock interviews, interview and work clothing, uniform and licensure fee assistance, technology access, financial fitness classes, and child care and transportation support to help families overcome barriers to employment, achieve financial stability, and build pathways to long-term self-sufficiency.

Subd. 5. **Local News Talent Pipeline Program.** $250,000 is for a grant to the Minnesota News Media Institute for a local news talent pipeline program, a statewide initiative to encourage Minnesotans to seek careers in journalism and local news operations and strengthen the capacity of Minnesota news outlets. Grant money must be used by the recipients to provide paid internships with Minnesota newspapers, television and radio broadcasters, and digital news platforms for individuals to gain experience in reporting, editing, media design, and other operational functions. To the extent practicable, Minnesota News Media Institute should seek a balanced geographic distribution of grants and allocation of grants across different news mediums. Minnesota News Media Institute must consult with local Minnesota-based news organization associations, including the Minnesota Broadcasters Association and Minnesota Newspaper Association, on the administration

of the grant program. Minnesota News Media Institute may retain up to five percent of funding to cover administrative expenses of operating the grant program.

Subd. 6. **Appetite for Change.** $150,000 is for a grant to Appetite For Change for the Youth Training and Opportunities Program to provide workforce training for local youth in urban agriculture, culinary arts, and leadership development.

Subd. 7. **180 Degrees.** $250,000 is for a grant to 180 Degrees, serving teens in Hennepin, Ramsey, Stearns, Carver, and Olmsted Counties and surrounding areas, to support youth and young adult employment readiness and exposure to career opportunities. Money may be used for career exploration, resume development, mock interviews, and work readiness training that fosters hope, self-sufficiency, and positive career pathways for young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, helping them break cycles of poverty and avoid exploitation or chronic instability.

Subd. 8. **The Cookie Cart.** $300,000 is for a grant to The Cookie Cart for earn and learn workforce training for youth ages 14 to 18 by providing life, leadership, and employment skills through on-the-job and classroom experiences in a nonprofit bakery.

Subd. 9. **Hmong American Partnership.** $500,000 is for a grant to the Hmong American Partnership for job training and employment services.

Subd. 10. **Getting to Work Grant Program.** $1,000,000 is for the getting to work grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.545.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; ENTERPRISE MINNESOTA, INC.**

$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. to directly invest in Minnesota manufacturers under the Made in Minnesota program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116O.115, and for operations of Enterprise Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.98, subdivision 14, and 116J.035, subdivision 7, the commissioner may use up to two percent of the amount appropriated for administrative costs.

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; IGNITE BUSINESSWOMEN INVESTMENT GROUP FOUNDATION.**

$100,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to Ignite Businesswomen Investment Group Foundation to provide capacity building and business development support for women entrepreneurs. Money appropriated under this section must be used to provide:

(1) business planning, leadership development, financial literacy, technology training, and marketing support; and

(2) grants to community-based organizations specializing in women-focused entrepreneurship support.

This is a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.98, subdivision 14, and 116J.035, subdivision 7, the commissioner may use up to two percent of the amount appropriated for administrative costs.

Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; AUTOMOTIVE COMPONENT MANUFACTURER.**

$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to a Minnesota-based automotive component manufacturer and distributor specializing in electric vehicles and sensor technology that manufactures all of their parts onshore to expand their manufacturing. The grant recipient under this section shall submit reports on the uses of the money appropriated, the number of jobs created due to the appropriation, wage information, and the city and state in which the additional manufacturing activity was located to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over economic development. A final report is due by February 1, 2028. This is a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.98, subdivision 14, and 116J.035, subdivision 7, the commissioner may use up to two percent of the amount appropriated for administrative costs.

Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION; PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (PGA) CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.**

$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the director of Explore Minnesota for a grant to the city of Chaska to attract, and for costs associated with hosting, a package of future PGA of America championship-level events, which shall include at least one men's PGA championship and one women's PGA championship. This appropriation is onetime and is available until June 30, 2029. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the director may use up to two percent of the amount appropriated for administrative costs.

Sec. 6. **RURAL CANCER INSTITUTE PILOT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION MODIFICATION.**

(a) The appropriation for the Rural Cancer Institute pilot program in Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (bbb), must prioritize Minnesota clinicians and students. The Rural Cancer Institute may work with clinicians and students from elsewhere in the United States if the clinician or student receives the recommendation of a practicing Minnesota oncologist and all care is provided in Minnesota.

(b) The appropriations in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for the Rural Cancer Institute pilot program in Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (bbb), are available until June 30, 2028.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 7. **CANCELLATIONS.**

(a) The unobligated amount remaining from the appropriation in Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 14, article 11, section 42, is canceled.

(b) $4,633,000 of the fiscal year 2024 Minnesota forward fund account appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 21, section 7, paragraph (c), is canceled.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 8. **TRANSFER.**

$4,633,000 in fiscal year 2027 is transferred from the Minnesota forward fund account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 3, to the general fund. This is a onetime transfer.

ARTICLE 2

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 480.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section and section 480.45, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Judicial official" means:

(1) every Minnesota district court judge, senior judge, retired judge, and every judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals and every active, senior, recalled, or retired federal judge who resides in Minnesota;

(2) a current or retired justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court;

(3) employees of the Minnesota judicial branch;

(4) judicial referees and magistrate judges; and

(5) current and retired judges and current employees of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Employment and Economic Development Unemployment Insurance and Paid Leave Appeals Divisions, Department of Human Services Appeals Division, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, and Tax Court.

(c) "Personal information" does not include publicly available information. Personal information means:

(1) a residential address of a judicial official;

(2) a residential address of the spouse, domestic partner, or children of a judicial official;

(3) a nonjudicial branch issued telephone number or email address of a judicial official;

(4) the name of any child of a judicial official; and

(5) the name of any child care facility or school that is attended by a child of a judicial official if combined with an assertion that the named facility or school is attended by the child of a judicial official.

(d) "Publicly available information" means information that is lawfully made available through federal, state, or local government records or information that a business has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to the general public through widely distributed media, by a judicial official, or by a person to whom the judicial official has disclosed the information, unless the judicial official has restricted the information to a specific audience.

(e) "Law enforcement support organizations" do not include charitable organizations.

(f) "Real property records" has the meaning given in section 480.50, subdivision 1, paragraph (f).

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 480.50, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "County recorder" has the meaning given in section 13.045, subdivision 1, clause (4).

(c) "Government entity" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 7a.

(d) "Judicial official" has the meaning given in section 480.40, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), except that it does not include: (1) employees of the Minnesota judicial branch, the Office of Administrative Hearings, the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, or the Tax Court; ~~or~~ (2) judges or employees in the Department of Human Services Appeals Division; or (3) judges or employees in the Department of Employment and Economic Development Unemployment Insurance and Paid Leave Appeals Divisions.

(e) "Personal information" has the meaning given in section 480.40, subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

(f) "Real property records" means any of the following:

(1) real property records as defined in section 13.045, subdivision 1, clause (5);

(2) Uniform Commercial Code filings and tax liens maintained by the Secretary of State; and

(3) any other records maintained by a county recorder or other government entity evidencing title to, or any lien, judgment, or other encumbrance on, real or personal property.

(g) "Responsible authority" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 16."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for jobs and economic development; canceling and modifying prior appropriations; requiring reports; designating unemployment insurance judges and paid leave appeals judges as judicial officials; transferring

money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 480.40, subdivision 1; 480.50, subdivision 1."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4244: A bill for an act relating to legislative enactments; making miscellaneous technical corrections to laws and statutes; correcting erroneous, obsolete, and omitted text and references; removing redundant, conflicting, and superseded provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.9215, subdivision 4; 3.9741, subdivision 1; 13.202, subdivision 11; 13.3806, subdivision 22; 13.461, subdivision 7a; 13.55, subdivision 1; 13.825, subdivision 2; 34.02; 43A.34, subdivision 3; 52.09, subdivision 2; 60D.18, subdivision 5; 62A.318, subdivision 5; 65A.35, subdivision 5; 65B.133, subdivision 1; 65B.15, subdivision 1; 66A.16, subdivision 2; 80E.13; 115.48, subdivision 2; 115A.28, subdivision 2; 118A.09, subdivision 3; 120B.234, subdivision 2; 120B.303, subdivision 1; 121A.15, subdivisions 3b, 11; 121A.425, subdivision 1; 124D.03, subdivision 3; 124D.094, subdivision 2; 124D.096; 124D.59, subdivision 2; 125A.76, subdivision 2f; 126C.05, subdivision 1; 126C.17, subdivision 9; 126C.40, subdivision 5; 135A.15, subdivision 1; 136A.031, subdivision 3; 136A.1241, subdivision 2; 136A.829, subdivision 3; 136A.84, subdivision 1; 142A.03, subdivision 32; 142A.05; 142A.604, subdivision 2; 142B.01, subdivision 8; 142B.03, subdivisions 1, 2; 142B.05, subdivisions 7, 8; 142B.10, subdivision 1; 142B.12, subdivision 4; 142B.41, subdivision 3; 142D.08, subdivisions 5, 6; 142D.20, subdivision 2; 142D.32, subdivision 2; 142E.16, subdivision 2; 142G.22, subdivision 1; 142G.25; 142G.40, subdivision 1; 142G.57, subdivisions 2, 4; 144E.28, subdivision 8; 145.882, subdivision 5a; 145.8821; 148B.59; 148F.165, subdivision 2; 148F.205, subdivision 5; 148F.2051; 151.72, subdivision 2; 152.29, subdivision 5; 157.22; 169.223, subdivision 4; 169.99, subdivision 1; 181.211, subdivision 10; 204B.06, subdivision 9; 211B.04, subdivision 3; 214.06, subdivision 1a; 216B.16, subdivisions 6b, 6c; 216B.2411, subdivisions 1, 2; 216B.2425, subdivision 7; 216B.2427, subdivisions 1, 2; 216C.437, subdivision 19; 216I.06, subdivision 2; 240A.03, subdivision 6; 245A.03, subdivisions 6, 7; 245A.07, subdivision 2a; 245D.03, subdivision 2; 245F.03; 245G.11, subdivision 1; 245G.22, subdivision 6; 253B.02, subdivision 4c; 256.017, subdivision 2; 256.043, subdivision 1; 256.9657, subdivisions 1a, 3; 256.975, subdivisions 7d, 9; 256B.04, subdivision 15; 256B.051, subdivision 7; 256B.0624, subdivision 4; 256B.0658; 256B.0911, subdivision 29; 256B.15, subdivision 1h; 256B.196, subdivision 2; 256B.1973, subdivision 1; 256B.431, subdivision 17d; 256B.69, subdivision 16; 256B.77, subdivisions 4, 5; 256B.85, subdivisions 7b, 20; 256D.01, subdivisions 1, 1e, 2; 256D.02, subdivision 1; 256D.03, subdivision 1; 256D.04; 256D.045; 256D.05, subdivision 8; 256D.06, subdivision 7; 256D.07; 256D.16; 256F.10, subdivisions 6, 7; 256I.04, subdivision 1; 256I.05, subdivision 1c; 256K.10, subdivision 3; 256S.21, subdivision 3; 257.05, subdivision 3; 257.0755, subdivision 3; 259.41, subdivision 1; 259.83, subdivision 1; 260.67, subdivision 2; 260C.001, subdivision 1; 260C.4411, subdivision 1; 260C.4412; 260E.17, subdivision 2; 260E.33, subdivision 6a; 260E.35, subdivision 3; 275.011, subdivisions 1, 2; 290.01, subdivision 19; 290.0132, subdivision 32; 290.095, subdivision 11; 295.50, subdivision 4; 295.81, subdivision 1; 296A.06, subdivision 1; 297A.9915, subdivision 5; 297I.20, subdivisions 1, 3; 298.75, subdivision 2; 309.531, subdivision 2; 321.1109; 325F.071, subdivision 1; 327B.04, subdivision 8; 332.30; 336.7-209; 336.9-317; 352.01, subdivision 2a; 353D.07, subdivision 5; 353G.18, subdivision 2; 353G.19, subdivision 6; 356.47, subdivision 3; 363A.07, subdivision 4; 363A.08, subdivision 4; 424A.05, subdivision 5; 424B.13, subdivisions 5, 6; 424B.22, subdivisions

7, 8; 458D.08; 462A.07, subdivision 20; 469.174, subdivision 10; 473.121, subdivision 5a; 473.164; 473.4057, subdivision 7; 473.755, subdivision 4; 473J.12, subdivision 2; 473J.13, subdivision 3; 491A.03, subdivision 4; 504B.361, subdivision 1; 518.10, subdivision 1; 518.175, subdivision 6; 518A.40, subdivision 1; 518A.41, subdivision 1; 518A.51; 518A.56, subdivision 11; 518C.613; 609.232, subdivision 11; 611A.37, subdivision 1; 611A.372; 624.7192; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 13.46, subdivisions 2, 4; 65B.05; 120B.117, subdivision 4; 124F.01, subdivision 2; 136A.054; 142G.01, subdivision 3; 148.6404; 148.6408, subdivision 2; 161.14, subdivision 109; 161.45, subdivision 4; 168.012, subdivision 1; 168A.01, subdivisions 18, 19, 20; 171.301, subdivision 1; 216B.1622, subdivision 2; 245A.04, subdivision 1; 245A.191; 245C.08, subdivision 1; 253B.10, subdivision 1; 254B.0507, subdivision 2; 256B.055, subdivision 12; 256B.0615, subdivision 1; 256B.0616, subdivision 1; 256B.0924, subdivision 6; 256B.0943, subdivision 9; 256B.761, subdivision 2; 257.0769, subdivision 1; 260.65; 297I.20, subdivision 7; 299C.061, subdivision 1; 353D.07, subdivision 2; 357.021, subdivision 1a; 423A.022, subdivision 2; 424A.015, subdivision 4; 473.4465, subdivision 2; 580.07, subdivisions 1, 2; Laws 2023, chapter 1, section 22, as amended; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.461, subdivision 16a; 137.50, subdivision 5; 142E.50, subdivisions 1, 4, 7; 256.9756, subdivision 3; 256B.092, subdivision 4b; 256R.50, subdivision 6; 257E.10, subdivision 11; 272.02, subdivision 31; 273.11, subdivisions 19, 20; 273.1315, subdivision 1; 273.1385; 289A.60, subdivision 15; 297I.15, subdivision 2; 383B.1511; 473.551; 473.552; 473.553, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13; 473.556, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17; 473.561; 473.564, subdivisions 2, 3; 473.565; 473.572; 473.581; 473.592, subdivision 1; 473.595; 473.596; 473.598; 473.599; 473.5995; 473.76; 473.763; 477A.18; 480.011; 504B.345, subdivision 2; Laws 2024, chapter 79, article 1, section 20; Laws 2025, chapter 21, sections 56; 57.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4067: A bill for an act relating to judiciary; providing security for the chief justice; redistributing base funding beginning in fiscal year 2028; appropriating money for the judicial branch; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299D.03, subdivision 1; Laws 2025, chapter 35, article 1, sections 2; 4; 5.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete section 1 and insert:

"Section 1. **[299A.96] EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety.

Subd. 2. **Submitting contact information to commissioner.** (a) For purposes of subdivision 4, a justice of the supreme court must submit and verify annually by January 31 to the commissioner in a commissioner-prescribed format the following information:

(1) primary residential address;

(2) any secondary address in the state;

(3) work telephone number;

(4) home telephone number;

(5) email address; and

(6) list and contact information of immediate family members.

(b) A justice of the supreme court must notify the commissioner within 30 days after changing any information under paragraph (a).

Subd. 3. **Data classification.** All information submitted under subdivision 2 is classified as private data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12. The data may be accessed by only authorized personnel for official public safety purposes when used or disclosed under subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. **Using and disclosing information.** (a) The commissioner may use or disclose information under subdivision 2 only as follows:

(1) to ensure the safety and security of a justice of the supreme court or their immediate family members; or

(2) for law enforcement purposes when needed for protecting public safety.

(b) Use or disclosure of the information under subdivision 2 is subject to the remedies and penalties under sections 13.08 and 13.09."

Page 4, delete lines 10 to 13 and insert:

"Subdivision 1. **Operational adjustment.** $250,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the supreme court for operational adjustments. This appropriation is available until July 1, 2027."

Page 4, delete lines 24 to 27 and insert:

"Subdivision 1. **Operational adjustment.** $70,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the court of appeals for operational adjustments. This appropriation is available until July 1, 2027."

Page 5, delete lines 2 to 6 and insert:

"Subdivision 1. **Operational adjustment.** $1,600,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the district courts for operational adjustments. This appropriation is available until July 1, 2027."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "providing security for the chief justice" and insert "collecting and classifying data for security purposes"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Pratt introduced--

S.F. No. 5147: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for trail improvements along marked Trunk Highway 13 in the city of Prior Lake; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Koran and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 5148: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a regional veterans memorial in the city of North Branch.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Gustafson and Lang introduced--

S.F. No. 5149: A bill for an act relating to transportation; providing for certain local highway designations; designating a portion of Ramsey County State-Aid Highway 96 as "Master Sergeant Nicole Amor Memorial Highway"; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 160.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 5150: A bill for an act relating to housing; authorizing the issuance of housing infrastructure bonds to finance a grant to the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority for the Glendale Townhomes redevelopment project; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.37, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 462A.37, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 5151: A bill for an act relating to housing; modifying the appropriation for assistance to homeless families, those at risk of homelessness, or highly mobile families; amending Laws 2025, chapter 32, article 1, section 2, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Port and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 5152: A bill for an act relating to housing; appropriating money for the Minnesota Age in Place Network.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Port, Fateh, and Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 5153: A bill for an act relating to the State Building Code; requiring rulemaking to allow single-exit stairway apartment buildings as part of the State Building Code; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.106, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Port, Maye Quade, Oumou Verbeten, and Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 5154: A bill for an act relating to state government; adding small businesses owned by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, or other nonbinary gender or sexual identification people to the list of targeted group businesses for the purposes of state procurement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16C.16, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Limmer introduced--

S.F. No. 5155: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; modifying a prior appropriation for a railroad crossing in Hennepin County; amending Laws 2023, chapter 71, article 1, section 10, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Holmstrom introduced--

S.F. No. 5156: A bill for an act relating to family law; establishing the Parenting Time Enforcement Task Force; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 5157: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to the Rondo Community Land Trust; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Dahms introduced--

S.F. No. 5158: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for bridge restoration in the city of Redwood Falls; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 5159: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; modifying a prior appropriation of bond proceeds for the Forest Lake Veterans Memorial; amending Laws 2023, chapter 72, article 2, section 9, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Dahms introduced--

S.F. No. 5160: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements at the Redwood Falls Municipal Airport; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Draheim and Pratt introduced--

S.F. No. 5161: A bill for an act relating to economic development; terminating prior appropriations to the PROMISE grant program; amending Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 5162: A bill for an act relating to commerce; eliminating the Prescription Drug Affordability Advisory Council; modifying various provisions governing nondepository financial institutions; providing for health plan regulatory alignment; transferring duties and employees; modifying the premium security plan; appropriating money and making reductions; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 47.20, subdivision 1; 47.59, subdivision 1; 47.60, subdivision 1; 53.04, subdivision 3a; 53B.74; 53C.09, subdivision 4; 56.002; 56.01; 56.05; 58.06, subdivision 2; 58B.051; 60A.50, subdivisions 1, 3; 60A.951, subdivision 3; 60A.985, subdivision 8; 60A.9853, subdivision 1; 60A.9854; 60B.03, subdivision 2; 60G.01, subdivisions 2, 4; 62A.02, subdivision 8; 62A.021, subdivision 1; 62A.61; 62A.65, subdivisions 7, 8; 62D.08, subdivisions 1,

2, 3, 7, by adding a subdivision; 62D.12, subdivision 1; 62D.124, subdivision 5; 62D.221, subdivisions 1, 2; 62E.11, subdivisions 9, 13; 62E.23, subdivision 1; 62J.40; 62J.60, subdivision 5; 62J.89, subdivisions 1, 2; 62J.90, subdivision 2; 62K.07, subdivision 2; 62L.02, subdivision 8; 62L.08, subdivision 11; 62L.09, subdivision 3; 62L.10, subdivision 4; 62L.11, subdivision 2; 62M.11; 62Q.01, subdivision 2; 62Q.106; 62Q.188, subdivision 2; 62Q.37, subdivision 2; 62Q.47; 62Q.51, subdivision 3; 62Q.556, subdivisions 3, 4; 62Q.69, subdivisions 2, 3; 62Q.71; 62Q.73, subdivisions 3, 10; 62Q.81, subdivision 7; 62U.04, subdivision 13; 62W.06, by adding a subdivision; 332.52, subdivision 3; 332A.04, subdivision 1; 332B.04, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 62D.21; 62D.211; 62E.23, subdivisions 1a, 2; 297I.20, subdivision 7; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 60A; 62D; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 56.08; 62J.86, subdivision 2; 62J.88; 332A.02, subdivision 2; 332B.02, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Klein introduced--

S.F. No. 5163: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for water and sewer infrastructure in the city of Newport; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Klein introduced--

S.F. No. 5164: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for water treatment improvements in the city of Newport; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Heintzeman introduced--

S.F. No. 5165: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for certain energy efficiency projects in the city of Brainerd; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Koran introduced--

S.F. No. 5166: A bill for an act relating to environment; establishing a working group on ending land disposal of mixed municipal solid waste; requiring a report; appropriating money; providing appointments.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Gruenhagen introduced--

S.F. No. 5167: A bill for an act relating to health; repealing prohibition on conversion therapy with minors and vulnerable adults; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0625, subdivision 5n; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 214.078.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Boldon and Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 5168: A bill for an act relating to early learning; appropriating money to fund baby brain builder tool kits.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Duckworth introduced--

S.F. No. 5169: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money to replace Klamath Trail retaining walls in the city of Lakeville; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Maye Quade and Duckworth introduced--

S.F. No. 5170: A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money for a grant to study lead exposure in Dakota County.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Heintzeman introduced--

S.F. No. 5171: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a segment of the Cuyuna Lakes State Trail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Weber moved that the name of Senator Heintzeman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3838. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Clark be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4103. The motion prevailed.

Senator Xiong moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4367. The motion prevailed.

Senator Jasinski moved that the name of Senator Frentz be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4405. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pha moved that the name of Senator Hawj be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4527. The motion prevailed.

Senator Champion moved that the name of Senator Pha be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4535. The motion prevailed.

Senator Seeberger moved that the name of Senator Howe be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4767. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rarick moved that the name of Senator Weber be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 5139. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kunesh moved that her name be stricken as chief author and the name of Senator Marty be added as chief author to S.F. No. 2255. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pratt moved that S.F. No. 4125 be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety and re-referred to the Committee on Capital Investment. The motion prevailed.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Pursuant to Rule 26, Senator Murphy, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, designated the following bills a Special Orders Calendar to be heard immediately:

H.F. Nos. 3544, 3467, 3479, and S.F. No. 3637.

SPECIAL ORDER

H.F. No. 3544: A bill for an act relating to veterans; providing that certain veterans or former members of the armed forces who have forfeited federal benefits do not qualify for state-funded veterans benefits, services, or programs; discontinuing the environmental hazards information and assistance program for veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 196.021; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 196.19; 196.21; 196.22, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5; 196.23; 196.24; 196.25; 196.26; 197.225.

H.F. No. 3544 was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 66 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Marty	Rasmusson
Bahr	Fateh	Johnson	Mathews	Rest
Boldon	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Seeberger
Carlson	Green	Klein	McEwen	Utke
Champion	Gruenhagen	Koran	Mohamed	Weber
Clark	Gustafson	Kreun	Murphy	Wesenberg
Coleman	Hauschild	Kunesh	Nelson	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Kupec	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Dahms	Heintzeman	Lang	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Pha	Xiong
Dornink	Hoffman	Lieske	Port	
Draheim	Holmstrom	Limmer	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lucero	Putnam	
Duckworth	Howe	Mann	Rarick	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Boldon cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson and Port.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Heintzeman, Lucero, and Utke.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Lang cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senator: Koran.

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER

H.F. No. 3467: A bill for an act relating to veterans; allowing the commissioner of veterans affairs to direct agency resources to veterans' initiatives; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 196.22, by adding a subdivision.

H.F. No. 3467 was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 65 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Housley	Limmer	Pratt
Bahr	Farnsworth	Howe	Lucero	Putnam
Boldon	Fateh	Jasinski	Mann	Rarick
Carlson	Frentz	Johnson	Marty	Rasmusson
Champion	Green	Johnson Stewart	Mathews	Rest
Clark	Gruenhagen	Klein	Maye Quade	Seeberger
Coleman	Gustafson	Koran	McEwen	Utke
Cwodzinski	Hauschild	Kreun	Mohamed	Weber
Dahms	Hawj	Kunesh	Murphy	Wesenberg
Dibble	Heintzeman	Kupec	Nelson	Westlin
Dornink	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Lang	Pappas	Westrom
Draheim	Hoffman	Latz	Pha	Wiklund
Drazkowski	Holmstrom	Lieske	Port	Xiong

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Boldon cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson and Port.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Heintzeman, Lucero, Pratt, and Utke.

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER

H.F. No. 3479: A bill for an act relating to mortgage foreclosures; clarifying right to postpone a mortgage sale; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 580.07, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 580.07, subdivision 2.

H.F. No. 3479 was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 65 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Housley	Limmer	Pratt
Bahr	Farnsworth	Howe	Lucero	Putnam
Boldon	Fateh	Jasinski	Mann	Rarick
Carlson	Frentz	Johnson	Marty	Rasmusson
Champion	Green	Johnson Stewart	Mathews	Rest
Clark	Gruenhagen	Klein	Maye Quade	Seeberger
Coleman	Gustafson	Koran	McEwen	Utke
Cwodzinski	Hauschild	Kreun	Mohamed	Weber
Dahms	Hawj	Kunesh	Murphy	Wesenberg
Dibble	Heintzeman	Kupec	Nelson	Westlin
Dornink	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Lang	Pappas	Westrom
Draheim	Hoffman	Latz	Pha	Wiklund
Drazkowski	Holmstrom	Lieske	Port	Xiong

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Boldon cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Port, and Putnam.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Heintzeman, Lucero, Pratt, and Utke.

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER

S.F. No. 3637: A bill for an act relating to transportation; clarifying that an optometrist may prescribe certain window glazing materials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 169.71, subdivision 4a.

S.F. No. 3637 was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 66 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Marty	Rasmusson
Bahr	Fateh	Johnson	Mathews	Rest
Boldon	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Seeberger
Carlson	Green	Klein	McEwen	Utke
Champion	Gruenhagen	Koran	Mohamed	Weber
Clark	Gustafson	Kreun	Murphy	Wesenberg
Coleman	Hauschild	Kunesh	Nelson	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Kupec	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Dahms	Heintzeman	Lang	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Pha	Xiong
Dornink	Hoffman	Lieske	Port	
Draheim	Holmstrom	Limmer	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lucero	Putnam	
Duckworth	Howe	Mann	Rarick	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Boldon cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Port, and Putnam.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Heintzeman, Lucero, Pratt, and Utke.

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senator Miller was excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Murphy moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 20, 2026. The motion prevailed.

Thomas S. Bottern, Secretary of the Senate