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FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

Referred by Chair to Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs Finance Division.

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Returned to the Committee on Finance as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; appropriating money for activities related to dedication of
1.3 the World War II veterans memorial.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$500,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2007 from the general fund to the
1.7 commissioner of veterans affairs to pay for activities related to the dedication of the World
1.8 War II veterans memorial in St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 9, 2007. The commissioner shall
1.9 use the appropriation to notify all World War II veterans in the state of the dedication,
1.10 invite them to attend, and pay for transportation, meals, and lodging, as necessary, to those
1.11 veterans so as to maximize attendance at the dedication. The commissioner shall adopt
1.12 guidelines for determining amounts to pay to veterans who require financial assistance to
1.13 attend the dedication. The commissioner may also use a portion of the appropriation to
1.14 pay for a reception and other expenses of the dedication. This is a onetime appropriation.

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