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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations Reform, Technology and Elections

A bill for an act

relating to state government; extending authority for activities relating to understanding and appreciating ethnic and cultural diversity in Minnesota; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 3.303, subdivision 8.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 3.303, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Ethnic heritage and new Americans.** The commission shall undertake activities it determines are necessary to assist state government to foster an understanding and appreciation of ethnic and cultural diversity in Minnesota, to identify underutilized resources within the immigrant community, and to facilitate the full participation of immigrants in social, cultural, and political life in this state. The commission may appoint a working group under section 3.305, subdivision 6, to assist the commission in these duties. A working group under this subdivision may include legislators and public members. The commission may provide compensation for public members as provided in section 15.0575. In performing duties under this subdivision, the commission shall collaborate with the councils established in sections 3.9223, 3.9225, and 3.9226. This subdivision expires June 30, ~~2009~~ 2011.

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