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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans homes; requiring veterans homes to use Medicare Part D for
1.3 pharmacy costs for eligible veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section
1.4 198.003, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 198.003, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 7. Use of Medicare Part D for pharmacy costs. (a) The commissioner
1.9 shall maximize the use of Medicare Part D to pay pharmacy costs for eligible veterans
1.10 residing at the veterans homes.

1.11 (b) The commissioner shall encourage eligible veterans to participate in the
1.12 Medicare Part D program and assist veterans in obtaining Part D coverage.