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A bill for an act

relating to capital improvements; Mighty Ducks ice facility grants; modifying grant amounts; appropriating money; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 240A.09.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 240A.09, is amended to read:

240A.09 PLAN DEVELOPMENT; CRITERIA.

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission shall develop a plan to promote the development of proposals for new statewide public ice facilities including proposals for ice centers and matching grants based on the criteria in this section.

(a) For ice center proposals, the commission will give priority to proposals that come from more than one local government unit. Institutions of higher education are not eligible to receive a grant.

(b) In the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, the commission is encouraged to give priority to the following proposals:

(1) proposals for construction of two or more ice sheets in a single new facility;

(2) proposals for construction of an additional sheet of ice at an existing ice center;

(3) proposals for construction of a new, single sheet of ice as part of a sports complex with multiple sports facilities; and

(4) proposals for construction of a new, single sheet of ice that will be expanded to a two-sheet facility in the future.

(c) The commission shall administer a site selection process for the ice centers. The commission shall invite proposals from cities or counties or consortia of cities. A proposal for an ice center must include matching contributions including in-kind contributions of

land, access roadways and access roadway improvements, and necessary utility services, landscaping, and parking.

(d) Proposals for ice centers and matching grants must provide for meeting the demand for ice time for female groups by offering up to 50 percent of prime ice time, as needed, to female groups. For purposes of this section, prime ice time means the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

(e) The location for all proposed facilities must be in areas of maximum demonstrated interest and must maximize accessibility to an arterial highway.

(f) To the extent possible, all proposed facilities must be dispersed equitably, must be located to maximize potential for full utilization and profitable operation, and must accommodate noncompetitive family and community skating for all ages.

(g) The commission may also use the money to upgrade current facilities, purchase girls' ice time, or conduct amateur women's hockey and other ice sport tournaments.

(h) To the extent possible, 50 percent of all grants must be awarded to communities in greater Minnesota.

(i) To the extent possible, technical assistance shall be provided to Minnesota communities by the commission on ice arena planning, design, and operation, including the marketing of ice time.

(j) A grant for new facilities may not exceed ~~$250,000~~ $400,000.

(k) The commission may make grants for rehabilitation and renovation. A rehabilitation or renovation grant may not exceed ~~$100,000~~ $200,000. Priority must be given to grant applications for indoor air quality improvements, including zero emission ice resurfacing equipment.

(l) Grant money may be used for ice centers designed for sports other than hockey.

(m) Grant money may be used to upgrade existing facilities to comply with the bleacher safety requirements of section 326B.112.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

$6,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission for the purpose of making grants for public ice facilities, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 240A.09 and 240A.10.

Sec. 3. **BOND SALE.**

To provide the money appropriated in section 2 from the bond proceeds fund, the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to

$6,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.