

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 4324, the delete everything amendment
1.2 (H4324DE1), as follows:

1.3 Page 6, line 11, delete everything after "\$150,000" and insert "to develop, in consultation
1.4 with stakeholders, written information on safe storage of firearms and means restriction.
1.5 Stakeholders include organizations representing suicide prevention, mental health, gun
1.6 sellers, and gun owners. The written information shall include information on Minnesota
1.7 Statutes, section 609.666, how to store firearms safely, suicide risk factors, suicide lifelines,
1.8 and mental health crisis services. The commissioner must send the written information to
1.9 licensed firearm dealers, shooting ranges, chiefs of police, sheriffs, county public health
1.10 departments, and instructors on the safe use of firearms for them to distribute to people
1.11 buying or using firearms."

1.12 Page 6, delete lines 12 to 15

1.13 Page 6, after line 27, insert:

1.14 "Sec. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 12, article 1, section 37, subdivision
1.15 2, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 2. **Veterans Programs and Services** 27,073,000 22,153,000

1.17 (a) **CORE Program.** \$750,000 each year is
1.18 for the Counseling and Case Management
1.19 Outreach Referral and Education (CORE)
1.20 program.

1.21 (b) **Veterans Service Organizations.**
1.22 \$353,000 each year is for grants to the
1.23 following congressionally chartered veterans
1.24 service organizations as designated by the

2.1 commissioner: Disabled American Veterans,
2.2 Military Order of the Purple Heart, the
2.3 American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
2.4 Vietnam Veterans of America, AMVETS, and
2.5 Paralyzed Veterans of America. This funding
2.6 must be allocated in direct proportion to the
2.7 funding currently being provided by the
2.8 commissioner to these organizations.

2.9 **(c) Minnesota Assistance Council for**
2.10 **Veterans.** \$750,000 each year is for a grant
2.11 to the Minnesota Assistance Council for
2.12 Veterans to provide assistance throughout
2.13 Minnesota to veterans and their families who
2.14 are homeless or in danger of homelessness,
2.15 including assistance with the following:

- 2.16 (1) utilities;
2.17 (2) employment; and
2.18 (3) legal issues.

2.19 The assistance authorized under this paragraph
2.20 must be made only to veterans who have
2.21 resided in Minnesota for 30 days prior to
2.22 application for assistance and according to
2.23 other guidelines established by the
2.24 commissioner. In order to avoid duplication
2.25 of services, the commissioner must ensure that
2.26 this assistance is coordinated with all other
2.27 available programs for veterans.

2.28 **(d) State's Veterans Cemeteries.** \$6,172,000
2.29 the first year and \$1,672,000 the second year
2.30 are for the state's veterans cemeteries. Of these
2.31 amounts, \$4,500,000 the first year is to
2.32 construct and equip the new veterans cemetery
2.33 in Redwood Falls.

3.1 (e) **Honor Guards.** \$200,000 each year is for
3.2 compensation for honor guards at the funerals
3.3 of veterans under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.4 197.231.

3.5 (f) **Minnesota GI Bill.** \$200,000 each year is
3.6 for the costs of administering the Minnesota
3.7 GI Bill postsecondary educational benefits,
3.8 on-the-job training, and apprenticeship
3.9 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.10 197.791.

3.11 (g) **Gold Star Program.** \$100,000 each year
3.12 is for administering the Gold Star Program for
3.13 surviving family members of deceased
3.14 veterans.

3.15 (h) **County Veterans Service Office.**
3.16 \$1,100,000 each year is for funding the
3.17 County Veterans Service Office grant program
3.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 197.608.

3.19 (i) **Veteran Homelessness Initiative.**
3.20 \$3,165,000 each year is for an initiative to
3.21 prevent and end veteran homelessness. The
3.22 commissioner of veterans affairs may provide
3.23 housing vouchers and other services to
3.24 alleviate homelessness among veterans and
3.25 former service members in Minnesota. The
3.26 commissioner may contract for program
3.27 administration and may establish a vacancy
3.28 reserve fund. The base for this appropriation
3.29 in fiscal year 2024 and each year thereafter is
3.30 \$1,311,000.

3.31 (j) **Camp Bliss.** \$75,000 each year is for a
3.32 grant to Independent Lifestyles, Inc. for
3.33 expenses related to retreats for veterans at
3.34 Camp Bliss in Walker, Minnesota, including

4.1 therapy, transportation, and activities
4.2 customized for veterans.

4.3 **(k) Veterans On The Lake.** \$50,000 in the
4.4 first year is for a grant to Veterans on the Lake
4.5 for expenses related to retreats for veterans,
4.6 including therapy, transportation, and activities
4.7 customized for veterans.

4.8 **(l) ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Resilience Project.**
4.9 \$400,000 each year is for a grant to the
4.10 ~~veterans~~ veteran resilience project. Grant funds
4.11 must be used to make eye movement
4.12 desensitization and reprocessing therapy
4.13 available to veterans and current military
4.14 service members who are suffering from
4.15 posttraumatic stress disorder ~~and~~ or trauma.
4.16 The base for this appropriation in fiscal year
4.17 2024 and each year thereafter is \$200,000.

4.18 The veterans resilience project must report to
4.19 the commissioner of veterans affairs and the
4.20 chairs and ranking minority members of the
4.21 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
4.22 veterans affairs policy and finance by January
4.23 15 of each year on the program. The report
4.24 must include an overview of the program's
4.25 budget, a detailed explanation of program
4.26 expenditures, the number of veterans and
4.27 service members served by the program, and
4.28 a list and explanation of the services provided
4.29 to program participants.

4.30 **(m) 9/11 Task Force.** \$500,000 the first year
4.31 is for the Advisory Task Force on 9/11 and
4.32 Global War on Terrorism Remembrance. The
4.33 task force must collect, memorialize, and
4.34 publish stories of Minnesotans' service in the
4.35 Global War on Terrorism and impacts on their

5.1 dependents. The task force must host a
5.2 remembrance program in September 2021.
5.3 This is a onetime appropriation."

5.4 Page 7, after line 2, insert:

5.5 "Sec. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 196.081, is amended to read:

5.6 **196.081 VETERANS STABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE; DATA; REPORT.**

5.7 Subdivision 1. Veterans stable housing initiative. (a) The commissioner may establish
5.8 a veterans stable housing initiative. If the commissioner establishes a veterans stable housing
5.9 initiative under this section, the commissioner must provide resources and support to assist
5.10 veterans experiencing homelessness in obtaining or maintaining stable housing.

5.11 (b) Data on individuals maintained by the commissioner in the Homeless Veteran Registry
5.12 for purposes of the veterans stable housing initiative is private data on individuals as defined
5.13 in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and must not be disclosed or shared except for coordinating
5.14 homelessness prevention efforts with:

5.15 (1) members of the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness; and

5.16 (2) Homeless Veteran Registry partners to address a veteran's episode of homelessness
5.17 or maintain a veteran's housing plan through Department of Veterans Affairs funded
5.18 programs.

5.19 (c) For purposes of this section, "homelessness" means that a veteran lacks a fixed,
5.20 nighttime residence.

5.21 Subd. 2. Annual report. Beginning January 15, 2023, and each year thereafter, the
5.22 commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
5.23 legislative committees with jurisdiction over veterans affairs and housing on the department's
5.24 homelessness activities. The report must include the annual inflow and outflow of former
5.25 service members on the homeless veteran registry, the number of currently homeless former
5.26 service members, the utilization of homeless programs to prevent and end a former service
5.27 member's episode of homelessness, and identify trends in the homeless response system."

5.28 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references