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Overview

This bill would expand the permissible uses of the monies appropriated from the *Support our Troops Account* to the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA).

Under current law, such funding may be used for:

- 1) grants to Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs);
- 2) outreach to underserved veterans; and
- 3) paying for the Gold Star license plates for certain eligible family members of deceased veterans.

The bill would add as a permissible use, *providing services and programs for veterans and their families*.

Funding in this account is generated from the sales of Support our Troops license plates, with the revenues being split equally between the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) and the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs (DMA). The holder of such license plate must contribute a minimum of \$30 annually to this account.