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## Bill Summary

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This bill extends by one year (until July 1, 2013) the city of Brooklyn Park's authority under general law to spend surplus tax increments from pre-existing tax increment financing (TIF) districts on construction or rehabilitation of privately owned buildings. This law was passed as part of the 2010 "jobs bill" and allowing the spending to occur through July 1, 2011; the 2011 special session tax bill extended it for one additional year, through July 1, 2012. The city would be limited to using this authority for development of an aquatic performance and wellness center on a specific parcel designated by the bill.

The bill also provides that if the city creates a new TIF district that includes this parcel, none of the general law rules restricting tax increments how tax increment may be spent apply to this district. This exemption specifically references the prohibition on spending increments on facilities for "social, recreational, or conference purposes" but likely extends to most or all other spending restrictions in the TIF law.