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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill would appropriate \$500,000 for the FY14-15 biennium to the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) for a grant to the Military Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV), for continuation of the organization's outreach to homeless veterans.

MACV is a private non-profit organization that for years has been providing outreach and services to homeless veterans in the Twin Cities, Duluth, and Mankato areas, as well as various other Minnesota localities. MACV assists veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with utilities, employment, and some civil legal issues, and to the extent of its resources, with limited housing as well.

As the bill is written, it would increase the MDVA's base budget by \$250,000, the amount of the appropriation in the second year of the biennium (same as the first-year amount).