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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 291

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Industry, Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to veterans; authorizing the provision of dental services for residents of  
1.3 veterans homes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 198.006.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 198.006, is amended to read:

1.6 **198.006 SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner shall must work with federal, state, local, and private agencies to  
1.8 develop alternative institutional and noninstitutional care programs for veterans to supplement  
1.9 the mission of the homes. Veterans shall be afforded the least restrictive, most appropriate  
1.10 level of care available.

1.11 (b) The commissioner may work with federal, state, local, and private entities to make  
1.12 available appropriate dental services for veterans homes residents. The commissioner may  
1.13 engage with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to support the dental benefits  
1.14 program authorized under this paragraph.