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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing a snow angel fund with the Amateur
1.3 Sports Commission; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 240A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[240A.15] SNOW ANGEL PROGRAM; CRITERIA.**

1.7 (a) The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission shall develop a program to promote
1.8 the development of statewide outdoor ski recreation. The program shall award grants
1.9 on a competitive basis for ski facilities construction and maintenance based on criteria
1.10 in this section.

1.11 (b) The commission shall develop and administer a process for awarding grants for
1.12 ski facility projects. The commission shall invite proposals from across the state for
1.13 the following ski facility projects:

1.14 (1) for construction of two or more ski jumps in a single location, such as a facility
1.15 that meets standards for an Olympic training and qualifying jump;

1.16 (2) for construction of additional jumps at existing skiing facilities;

1.17 (3) for construction or maintenance at an existing ski complex with multiple sports
1.18 facilities;

1.19 (4) for construction of year-round skiing, boarding, and ski jumping; and

1.20 (5) for cross-country ski facility expansion to help in promoting the high school
1.21 team sport.

1.22 (c) A proposal for a ski facility must include local contributions, such as in-kind
1.23 contributions of time, land, access roadways and access roadway improvements, and
1.24 necessary utility services, landscaping, and parking.

2.1 (d) The location for all proposed facilities must be in areas of maximum
2.2 demonstrated interest and must maximize accessibility to an arterial highway.

2.3 (e) To the extent possible, the commission must award grants equitably, and must
2.4 take into account a facility's ability to maximize potential for full utilization and profitable
2.5 operation, and the degree to which a facility accommodates noncompetitive family and
2.6 community skiing for all ages.

2.7 (f) The commission may also use money appropriated to this program to upgrade
2.8 existing facilities, purchase girls' ski team equipment, or conduct amateur women's ski and
2.9 other skiing sport tournaments.

2.10 (g) To the extent possible, the commission shall award 50 percent of all grants to
2.11 communities in greater Minnesota.

2.12 (h) To the extent possible, the commission shall provide technical assistance to
2.13 communities on ski facilities planning, design, and operation, including the marketing
2.14 of skiing and on projects for which the community submits a proposal for a grant under
2.15 this section.

2.16 (i) The commission may make grants for rehabilitation and renovation.

2.17 (j) The commission may use \$50,000 of an appropriation for the program under
2.18 this section each fiscal year to pay for additional staffing and administration of the grant
2.19 program.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.21 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.**

2.22 \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.23 Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission for the snow angel program under Minnesota
2.24 Statutes, section 240A.15.

2.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.