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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 449

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health care; establishing grants for medical resource communication
1.3 centers; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section
1.4 144E.001, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law
1.5 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144E.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.001, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. Scope. For the purposes of sections 144E.001 to 144E.52 this chapter,
1.9 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

1.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.001, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.11 to read:

1.12 Subd. 8b. Medical resource communication center. "Medical resource communication
1.13 center" means an entity that:

1.14 (1) facilitates hospital-to-ambulance communications for ambulance services, the regional
1.15 emergency medical services systems, and the board by coordinating patient care and
1.16 transportation for ground and air operations;

1.17 (2) is integrated with the state's Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER)
1.18 radio system; and

1.19 (3) is the point of contact and a communication resource for statewide public safety
1.20 entities, hospitals, and communities.

2.1 Sec. 3. **[144E.53] MEDICAL RESOURCE COMMUNICATION CENTER GRANTS.**

2.2 The board shall distribute medical resource communication center grants annually on a  
2.3 contract basis to the two medical resource communication centers that were in operation in  
2.4 the state prior to January 1, 2000.

2.5 Sec. 4. **MEDICAL RESOURCE COMMUNICATION CENTER GRANTS;**  
2.6 **APPROPRIATION.**

2.7 \$1,683,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from  
2.8 the general fund to the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board for medical resource  
2.9 communication center grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.53. Of these amounts:

2.10 (1) \$1,633,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for grants and \$50,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for  
2.11 administration; and

2.12 (2) \$970,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for grants and \$30,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for  
2.13 administration.