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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **492**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans and Military Affairs Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; appropriating money for mental health services and outdoor
1.3 activities for currently serving military personnel and veterans.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; HOMETOWN HERO OUTDOORS.**

1.6 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the
1.7 general fund to the commissioner of veterans affairs to provide a grant to Hometown Hero
1.8 Outdoors, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Stillwater, Minnesota, to fund outdoor
1.9 recreational activities and mental health services for currently serving military personnel
1.10 and veterans to promote positive mental health and interactions with mental health service
1.11 professionals; to promote longevity and quality of life through outdoor activities and mental
1.12 health services, including public education; and to ensure the organization is able to continue
1.13 supporting persons who are currently serving or have served in the military.