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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; appropriating money for a bonus for certain service members.

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

1.4 Section 1. **BONUS FOR ELIGIBLE SERVICE MEMBERS; APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 \$6,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
1.6 veterans affairs for purposes of providing a \$1,200 bonus to service members who did not
1.7 receive a bonus under Minnesota Statutes, section 197.79, but whose form DD214 confirms
1.8 a qualifying service or campaign under Minnesota Statutes, section 197.79, subdivision 2,
1.9 paragraph (a), clause (2). Eligible service members must submit documentation to the
1.10 commissioner of veterans affairs by December 31, 2028. This appropriation is available
1.11 until June 20, 2029.