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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; appropriating money for ombudsman position at certain
1.3 veterans homes.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$80,366 in fiscal year 2010 and \$80,366 in fiscal year 2011 are appropriated from the
1.7 general fund to the commissioner of veterans affairs to contract with the Minnesota Board
1.8 on Aging to provide a half-time ombudsman position through the Office of Ombudsman
1.9 for Long-Term Care to serve residents and family members at the Minneapolis and
1.10 Hastings veterans homes. The assigned ombudsman shall have a private office space
1.11 available at each veterans home. The ombudsman shall meet on a regular basis with
1.12 the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs staff administering the veterans homes
1.13 to review the types of concerns brought to the attention of the ombudsman and work
1.14 collaboratively to resolve them.