# SENATE
## STATE OF MINNESOTA
## NINETIETH SESSION

# S.F. No. 2016

1.1                                      A bill for an act

1.2          relating to disabled veterans; providing grants through the Support Our Troops
1.3          account for disability access home improvements; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4          2016, section 190.19, subdivision 2a.

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

1.6          Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 190.19, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.7          Subd. 2a. **Uses; veterans.** (a) Money appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs

1.8      from the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account may be used for:

1.9          (1) grants to veterans service organizations;

1.10         (2) outreach to underserved veterans;

1.11         (3) providing services and programs for veterans and their families;

1.12         (4) transfers to the vehicle services account for Gold Star license plates under section

1.13     168.1253;

1.14         (5) grants of up to $100,000 to any organization approved by the commissioner of

1.15     veterans affairs for the purpose of supporting and improving the lives of veterans and their

1.16     families; ~~and~~

1.17         (6) grants to an eligible foundation; and

1.18         (7) grants of up to $3,000 to a disabled veteran to construct disability access

1.19     improvements in or around the disabled veteran's residence.

1.20         (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "eligible foundation" includes any organization

1.21     that:

2.1          (1) is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

2.2          (2) is a nonprofit corporation under chapter 317A and the organization's articles of

2.3     incorporation specify that a purpose of the organization includes: (i) providing assistance

2.4     to veterans and their families; or (ii) enhancing the lives of veterans and their families.