

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-SECOND SESSION**

S.F. No. 2955

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Labor and Industry Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workers' compensation; providing for workers' compensation
1.3 presumption reimbursement; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVID-19 PRESUMPTION**
1.6 **REIMBURSEMENT.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Fund created.** The workers' compensation COVID-19 presumption
1.8 reimbursement fund is created in the state treasury to reimburse employees in job
1.9 classifications otherwise entitled to the presumption established by Laws 2020, chapter 72,
1.10 section 1, but for a date of injury occurring between January 1, 2022, and the day before
1.11 enactment of 2022 House File No. 1203, if enacted, whose COVID-19 claim is denied at
1.12 least in part due to unavailability of the presumption between January 1, 2022, and the day
1.13 before enactment of 2022 House File No. 1203, if enacted. Reimbursements shall be made
1.14 from the fund to eligible employees by the commissioner of labor and industry.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Submission for reimbursement.** An employee described in subdivision 1 shall
1.16 submit to the commissioner in a format prescribed by the commissioner information regarding
1.17 the amounts to be reimbursed from the fund. The commissioner shall make reimbursements
1.18 to eligible employees on a first-come, first-served basis. No funds may be reimbursed after
1.19 December 31, 2022.

1.20 Subd. 3. **Report to legislature.** By February 15, 2023, the commissioner shall report to
1.21 the legislature regarding reimbursements paid to employees under this section.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVID-19**

2.2 **PRESUMPTION REIMBURSEMENTS.**

2.3 \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the workers' compensation fund to the
2.4 commissioner of management and budget for deposit in the workers' compensation
2.5 COVID-19 reimbursement fund to provide reimbursements as specified in section 1. This
2.6 is a onetime appropriation. Funds are available until December 31, 2022.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.