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OFFICIAL STATUS
Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; authorizing statewide cessation services to help Minnesotans
1.3 quit using tobacco products; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law
1.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

1.6 Section 1. [144.397] STATEWIDE TOBACCO CESSATION SERVICES.

1.7 (a) The commissioner of health shall administer, or contract for the administration of,
1.8 statewide tobacco cessation services to assist Minnesotans who are seeking advice or services
1.9 to help them quit using tobacco products. The commissioner shall establish statewide public
1.10 awareness activities to inform the public of the availability of the services and encourage
1.11 the public to utilize the services because of the dangers and harm of tobacco use and
1.12 dependence.

1.13 (b) Services to be provided may include, but are not limited to:

1.14 (1) telephone-based coaching and counseling;

1.15 (2) referrals;

1.16 (3) written materials mailed upon request;

1.17 (4) web-based texting or e-mail services; and

1.18 (5) free Food and Drug Administration-approved tobacco cessation medications.

1.19 (c) Services provided must be consistent with evidence-based best practices in tobacco
1.20 cessation services. Services provided must be coordinated with health plan company tobacco

2.1 prevention and cessation services that may be available to individuals depending on their
2.2 health coverage.

2.3 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.4 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and \$..... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general
2.5 fund to the commissioner of health for statewide tobacco cessation services under Minnesota
2.6 Statutes, section 144.397.