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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Jobs and Economic Development Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for hospitality industry
1.3 relief from certain losses after being shut down due to Executive Order 20-04.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; HOSPITALITY REIMBURSEMENT FOR LOSSES
1.7 FROM PERISHABLE PRODUCTS.

1.8 (a) \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.9 commissioner of employment and economic development for grants to the Minnesota
1.10 hospitality industry for reimbursement for any out-of-pocket loss suffered as a result of
1.11 perishable food or code-dated beverages that became unfit for human consumption and had
1.12 to be destroyed as a result of the issuance of Executive Order 20-04.

1.14 (b) In order to qualify for reimbursement, the hospitality industry member is required
to submit a certified application attesting to and including the following:

1.16 (1) invoices showing the quantity, cost, and date of purchase of the perishable food or
1.17 beverage;

1.18 (2) the date that the food or beverage had to be destroyed, disposed of, or donated;

1.19 (3) that the food or beverage was not sold or otherwise consumed by the applicant;

1.20 (4) in the case of code-dated beverages, the expiration date of the beverages destroyed
1.21 or disposed of;

1.22 (5) the manner in which the food or beverages were destroyed or disposed of;

2.1 (6) that the applicant has received no other reimbursement from any other source for
2.2 the loss; and

2.3 (7) any other pertinent information requested to establish the validity of the claim for
2.4 reimbursement.

2.5 (c) By February 15, 2021, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs of the
2.6 house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over economic development
2.7 that details the use of the grant funds. At a minimum, the report must include:

2.8 (1) the number of grants approved;

2.9 (2) the total amount of grants issued by county; and

2.10 (3) a breakdown of the amount of grants issued by sectors of the hospitality industry.

2.11 (d) The commissioner of employment and economic development may use up to one
2.12 percent of the appropriation made for this section for administrative expenses of the
2.13 department.

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