

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

**S.F. No. 4776**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to legacy; appropriating money for soil health grants that protect Karst  
1.3 region groundwater from degradation.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SOIL HEALTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
1.6 GRANTS; KARST REGION NITROGEN FERTILIZER REDUCTION.

1.7 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the  
1.8 commissioner of agriculture for soil health financial assistance grants under Minnesota  
1.9 Statutes, section 17.134, to eligible applicants located in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston,  
1.10 Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, or Winona County. The commissioner may award grants under  
1.11 this appropriation only for projects that the commissioner reasonably anticipates will protect  
1.12 groundwater from degradation by measurably reducing the application of nitrogen fertilizer  
1.13 through:

1.14 (1) increased usage of precision agricultural practices under Minnesota Statutes, section  
1.15 17.134, subdivision 2, clause (4); or

1.16 (2) enabling purchases under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.134, subdivision 2, clause  
1.17 (6), that further increase usage of precision agricultural practices.

1.18 (b) This is a onetime appropriation. Amounts encumbered under contract by June 30,  
1.19 2025, are available until June 30, 2027. This appropriation is in addition to Laws 2023,  
1.20 chapter 40, article 2, section 3.