

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; requiring notice before modifying restrictions
1.3 on the operation of businesses; appropriating money for direct payments to bars
1.4 and restaurants for losses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

1.6 Section 1. **NOTICE TO BUSINESSES.**

1.7 Notwithstanding any law or conflicting provisions of an executive order to the contrary,
1.8 the governor must provide reasonable notice before using an executive order to modify any
1.9 restrictions on the operation of businesses.

1.10 Sec. 2. **BAR AND RESTAURANT SPOILAGE DIRECT PAYMENTS;**
1.11 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.12 \$...... in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
1.13 employment and economic development for direct payments to bars and restaurants that
1.14 had food or beverages spoil or expire due to business restrictions put in place in response
1.15 to the COVID-19 pandemic. Payments shall be for a set amount that approximates the
1.16 average amount that small businesses lost in this manner. That amount shall be determined
1.17 after consultation with industry representatives. This is a onetime appropriation and is
1.18 available until December 31, 2021.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after final enactment.