

**Subject** Converting the Governor’s Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota into the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council

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## Overview

This bill converts the Governor’s Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota into the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council, establishes age-friendly Minnesota grants, and appropriates money for the grants.

## Summary

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1	<b>Age-Friendly Minnesota Council.</b>
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Proposes § 256.9746.

**Subd. 1. Establishment.** Establishes the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council to coordinate work across sectors to ensure the state is an age-friendly state.

**Subd. 2. Membership.** Specifies the council consists of 15 members. Lists the commissioners and state agencies that must designate an Age-Friendly Minnesota lead and appoint that designee to serve as a council member. Requires the governor to appoint six additional public members to represent older adults in communities experiencing disparities, direct service caregivers, businesses, experts on aging, local governments, and Tribal communities. Specifies the appointment, terms, compensation, and removal of public members are governed by the statute governing advisory councils and committees.

**Subd. 3. Chairperson; executive committee.** Specifies the process for the council to elect a chairperson and other officers, requires the council to be governed by an executive committee elected by the members of the council, and allows the executive committee to appoint additional subcommittees and work groups.

**Subd. 4. Meetings.** Specifies requirements for council meetings including a requirement to meet at least quarterly. Subjects the council to the Minnesota

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	<p>Open Meeting Law and allows the council to conduct meetings by telephone or other electronic means as long as certain requirements are met.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Duties.</b> Lists the council’s duties. Allows the council to accept technical assistance and in-kind services from outside organizations for purposes consistent with the council’s role and authority.</p> <p><b>Subd. 6. Administration.</b> Requires the Minnesota Board on Aging and DHS to provide staffing and administrative support to the council.</p> <p><b>Subd. 7. Annual report.</b> Beginning January 1, 2026, and every two years thereafter, requires the council to publish a public report on the council’s activities, the uses and measurable outcomes of grant activities, the council’s recommendations, proposed changes to statutes or rules, and other issues the council may choose to report.</p>
2	<p><b>Age-friendly Minnesota grants.</b></p> <p>Proposes § 256.9747.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Age-friendly community grants.</b> Requires the commissioner of human services, in collaboration with others, to develop the age-friendly grant program to help communities become age-friendly communities.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Age-friendly technical assistance grants.</b> Requires the commissioner of human services, in collaboration with others, to develop the age-friendly technical assistance grant program to support communities and organizations who need assistance in applying for age-friendly community grants and implementing various aspects of their grant-funded projects.</p>
3	<p><b>Governor’s Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota.</b></p> <p>Amends Laws 2021, ch. 30, art. 12, § 5, as amended by Laws 2021, First Special Session ch. 7, art. 17, § 2, and Laws 2023, ch. 61, art. 2, § 35. Moves up the expiration date of the Governor’s Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota from June 30, 2027, to June 30, 2025.</p>
4	<p><b>Age-Friendly Minnesota Council; continuation of appointments and designation of initial terms.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Continuation of appointment.</b> Deems each member of the Governor’s Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota serving on June 30, 2025, appointed to the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council by the applicable appointing authority, effective July 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. First meeting.</b> Requires the individual who was serving as chairperson of the Governor’s Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota as of June 30, 2025, to</p>

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convene the first meeting of the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council no later than July 1, 2025, and requires this chairperson to preside over the first meeting until the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council elects a chairperson.

**Subd. 3. Designation of initial terms.** Requires the governor to notify the secretary of state which initial public members of the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council will have terms coterminous with that of the governor or request that the secretary of state randomly determine which initial public members will have terms coterminous with the governor's term.

5 **Appropriation; age-friendly community grants.**

Appropriates \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2027 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for age-friendly community grants.

6 **Appropriation; age-friendly technical assistance grants.**

Appropriates \$863,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2027 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for age-friendly technical assistance grants.



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