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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; providing for a rebate program for firearm safe purchases;
1.3 providing for a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **REBATE PROGRAM FOR FIREARM SAFE PURCHASES.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definition. As used in this section, "safe" means a secure gun safe, gun
1.7 case, lockbox, or other device that:

1.8 (1) is designed to fully contain one or more firearms; and

1.9 (2) can be securely locked and unlocked by a key, combination, or other similar means.

1.10 The term does not include glass or wooden gun cabinets, toolboxes, softshell field cases,
1.11 vehicle safes, or other nonsecure containers.

1.12 Subd. 2. Program described. (a) The commissioner of public safety shall develop and
1.13 implement a rebate program to provide rebates to individuals who, beginning on or after
1.14 January 1, 2023, have purchased a safe to store firearms and who submit a rebate application
1.15 on a form and in a manner provided by the commissioner.

1.16 (b) The commissioner shall adopt and publish guidelines for the implementation of the
1.17 program. The commissioner shall administer the program on a first-come, first-served basis.
1.18 Once the appropriation for this program has been expended, the program ends. Decisions
1.19 on eligibility for rebates are at the discretion of the commissioner and all decisions on
1.20 eligibility are final. The commissioner shall ensure that rebates are made only for qualifying
1.21 purchases of safes.

2.1 (c) A rebate may be in an amount of up to \$250 but may not be for more than the amount
2.2 of the pretax cost of the safe. Rebates are limited to Minnesota residents and a resident may
2.3 receive only one rebate under the program.

2.4 (d) The commissioner shall ensure that each person who has applied for a rebate has, as
2.5 a prerequisite for applying, watched the video described in subdivision 4.

2.6 Subd. 3. **Pamphlet required.** (a) By November 1, 2022, the commissioner of public
2.7 safety, in consultation with the commissioner of health, shall develop a written pamphlet
2.8 on the safe storage of firearms that includes but is not limited to information on Minnesota
2.9 Statutes, section 609.666. The pamphlet must also include suicide prevention information,
2.10 such as ways to reduce access to the means by which suicides are committed and on suicide
2.11 risk factors, and provide contact information for suicide lifelines and mental health crisis
2.12 service providers. In developing the pamphlet, the commissioners shall consult with
2.13 stakeholder organizations representing, at a minimum, suicide prevention, mental health,
2.14 and firearm sellers and owners.

2.15 (b) The commissioner of public safety shall include a pamphlet along with each rebate
2.16 issued under this section.

2.17 Subd. 4. **Video required.** By December 1, 2022, the commissioner of public safety, in
2.18 consultation with the commissioner of health, shall prepare and make available on the
2.19 Internet a brief video presentation summarizing the pamphlet described in subdivision 3.

2.20 Subd. 5. **Report required.** By February 15, 2024, the commissioner of public safety
2.21 shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
2.22 jurisdiction over criminal justice and health policy and funding on the rebate program.

2.23 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.24 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.25 public safety for the purposes of section 1.