

STATE OF MINNESOTA

# Journal of the Senate

NINETY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Tuesday, April 14, 2020

The Senate met at 2:00 p.m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Senator Andrew Mathews.

The members of the Senate gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Abeler	Draheim	Howe	Little	Ruud
Anderson, B.	Dziedzic	Ingebrigtsen	Marty	Senjem
Anderson, P.	Eaton	Isaacson	Mathews	Simonson
Bakk	Eichorn	Jasinski	Miller	Sparks
Benson	Eken	Jensen	Nelson	Tomassoni
Bigham	Franzen	Johnson	Newman	Torres Ray
Carlson	Frentz	Kent	Newton	Utke
Chamberlain	Gazelka	Kiffmeyer	Osmek	Weber
Champion	Goggin	Klein	Pappas	Westrom
Clausen	Hall	Koran	Pratt	Wiger
Cohen	Hawj	Laine	Rarick	Wiklund
Cwodzinski	Hayden	Lang	Relph	
Dahms	Hoffman	Latz	Rest	
Dibble	Housley	Limmer	Rosen	

The President declared a quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal, as printed and corrected, was approved.

## EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received.

April 7, 2020

The Honorable Melissa Hortman  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Jeremy R. Miller  
President of the Senate

I have the honor to inform you that the following enrolled Act of the 2020 Session of the State Legislature has been received from the Office of the Governor and is deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State for preservation, pursuant to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 23:

S.F. No.	H.F. No.	Session Laws Chapter No.	Time and Date Approved 2020	Date Filed 2020
	4537	72	5:04 p.m. April 7	April 7

Sincerely,  
Steve Simon  
Secretary of State

April 14, 2020

The Honorable Jeremy R. Miller  
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Miller:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 8.2, the following appointment has been withdrawn from the following committee and placed on the Confirmation Calendar:

From the Committee on Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy, to which was referred the following appointment as reported in the Journal for March 4, 2019:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY  
COMMISSIONER  
Nancy Leppink

Sincerely,  
Cal R. Ludeman  
Secretary of the Senate

### INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

#### Senator Jensen introduced--

**S.F. No. 4459:** A bill for an act relating to state government; prohibiting a legislator from being employed by or receiving compensation from certain types of businesses; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

Referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy and Elections.

**Senator Hawj introduced--**

**S.F. No. 4460:** A bill for an act relating to human rights; appropriating money for consultant to develop multilingual helpline to report discrimination.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy.

**Senator Senjem introduced--**

**S.F. No. 4461:** A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for reconstruction of interchange at County Road 104 and marked Trunk Highway 14 in Olmsted County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

**Senator Gazelka introduced--**

**S.F. No. 4462:** A bill for an act relating to state government; providing for COVID-19 policy and certain other policy changes; extending certain deadlines; covering certain COVID-19 health expenses; providing temporary emergency authority; expanding usage of electronic communication, applications, and signatures; appropriating additional money for grants to Second Harvest Heartland to purchase commodities from Minnesota farmers; modifying certain vehicle registration provisions; allowing nonposting of tax delinquency and suspension of nondelivery of liquor or beer related to delinquency; modifying certain treatment provisions; correcting errors in health and human services appropriations; making forecast adjustments; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 168.013, by adding a subdivision; 245F.03; 245F.04, by adding a subdivision; 254B.03, subdivision 1; 299C.46, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, sections 13D.02, subdivision 1; 168.013, subdivision 1a; 254A.03, subdivision 3; 256B.0759, subdivisions 3, 4; Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5; Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 9, article 14, section 2, subdivisions 2, 24, 30, 31, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 15, subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 524; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 254B.03, subdivision 4a; Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.6600, subparts 1, 3; 9530.6605, subparts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21a, 21b, 24a, 25, 25a, 26; 9530.6610, subparts 1, 2, 3, 5; 9530.6615; 9530.6620; 9530.6622; 9530.6655.

Senator Gazelka moved that S.F. No. 4462 be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Abeler moved that the name of Senator Relph be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3694. The motion prevailed.

Senator Ingebrigtsen moved that the name of Senator Bigham be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4318. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bigham moved that the name of Senator Klein be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4455. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pratt moved that the appointment withdrawn from the Committee on Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy and placed on the Confirmation Calendar under Senate Rule 8.2, reported in the Journal for April 14, 2020, be returned to the committee from which it was withdrawn.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY  
COMMISSIONER  
Nancy Leppink

The motion prevailed.

**Senator Gazelka introduced --**

**Senate Resolution No. 230:** A Senate resolution amending the Temporary Rules of the Senate.

Temporary Senate Rule No. 14.1 is amended to read:

14.1 The President shall take the chair at the time to which the Senate adjourned. The President shall immediately call the members to order and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall proceed with the regular order of business. For the purposes of establishing a quorum, members who have informed the President of their intention to vote from a remote location under the provisions of Rule 40.7 may be counted for the duration of the legislative day. If a member suggests the absence of a quorum at any time during the remainder of the legislative day, the President must confirm that each member intending to vote under Rule 40.7 intends to continue voting under Rule 40.7. At any time the President announces the presence of a quorum, the President shall announce the names of members intending to vote under Rule 40.7.

Senator Gazelka moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

Without objection, remaining on the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions, the Senate reverted to the Orders of Business of Messages From the House and First Reading of House Bills.

### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following House File, herewith transmitted: H.F. No. 4556.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted April 14, 2020

### FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following bill was read the first time.

**H.F. No. 4556:** A bill for an act relating to state government; providing for COVID-19 policy and certain other policy changes; extending certain deadlines; covering certain COVID-19 health

expenses; providing temporary emergency authority; expanding usage of electronic communication, applications, and signatures; appropriating additional money for grants to Second Harvest Heartland to purchase commodities from Minnesota farmers; modifying certain vehicle registration provisions; allowing nonposting of tax delinquency and suspension of nondelivery of liquor or beer related to delinquency; modifying certain treatment provisions; correcting errors in health and human services appropriations; making forecast adjustments; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 168.013, by adding a subdivision; 245F.03; 245F.04, by adding a subdivision; 254B.03, subdivision 1; 299C.46, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, sections 13D.02, subdivision 1; 168.013, subdivision 1a; 254A.03, subdivision 3; 256B.0759, subdivisions 3, 4; Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5; Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 9, article 14, section 2, subdivisions 2, 24, 30, 31, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 15, subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 524; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 254B.03, subdivision 4a; Minnesota Rules, parts 9530.6600, subparts 1, 3; 9530.6605, subparts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21a, 21b, 24a, 25, 25a, 26; 9530.6610, subparts 1, 2, 3, 5; 9530.6615; 9530.6620; 9530.6622; 9530.6655.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

### SUSPENSION OF RULES

Senator Gazelka moved that an urgency be declared within the meaning of Article IV, Section 19, of the Constitution of Minnesota, with respect to H.F. No. 4556 and that the rules of the Senate be so far suspended as to give H.F. No. 4556 its second and third reading and place it on its final passage. The motion prevailed.

H.F. No. 4556 was read the second time.

H.F. No. 4556 was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 64 and nays 3, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Anderson, B.	Draheim	Housley	Little	Rosen
Anderson, P.	Dziedzic	Ingebrigtsen	Marty	Ruud
Bakk	Eaton	Isaacson	Mathews	Senjem
Benson	Eichorn	Jasinski	Miller	Simonson
Bigham	Eken	Jensen	Nelson	Sparks
Carlson	Franzen	Kent	Newman	Tomassoni
Chamberlain	Frentz	Kiffmeyer	Newton	Torres Ray
Champion	Gazelka	Klein	Osmek	Utke
Clausen	Goggin	Koran	Pappas	Weber
Cohen	Hall	Laine	Pratt	Westrom
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Lang	Rarick	Wiger
Dahms	Hayden	Latz	Relph	Wiklund
Dibble	Hoffman	Limmer	Rest	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Gazelka cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Anderson, B.; Dahms; Hall; Housley; Ruud; and Senjem.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Kent cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Clausen, Dzedzic, Eaton, Franzen, Isaacson, Klein, Laine, Latz, Newton, Pappas, Rest, Sparks, Torres Ray, and Wiklund.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Abeler                      Howe                      Johnson

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED**

Without objection, remaining on the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions, the Senate reverted to the Order of Business of Messages From the House.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce that the House has adopted the recommendation and report of the Conference Committee on House File No. 3100, and repassed said bill in accordance with the report of the Committee, so adopted.

House File No. 3100 is herewith transmitted to the Senate.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted April 14, 2020

### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H. F. No. 3100**

A bill for an act relating to health care; establishing an emergency insulin program; establishing a Minnesota insulin patient assistance program; requiring participation by pharmacies and insulin manufacturers; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, sections 151.06, subdivision 6; 151.252, subdivision 1; 214.122; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 16B; 62Q; 62V; 151.

April 8, 2020

The Honorable Melissa Hortman  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Jeremy R. Miller  
President of the Senate

We, the undersigned conferees for H. F. No. 3100 report that we have agreed upon the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments and that H. F. No. 3100 be further amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. CITATION.

This act may be cited as the "Alec Smith Insulin Affordability Act."

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

Sec. 2. [62Q.678] DEPENDENT CHILD NOTICE.

Group health plans and health plan companies that offer group or individual health plans with dependent coverage must provide written notice to an enrollee with dependent child coverage that the dependent child's coverage ends when the child reaches the age of 26. Notice must be sent to the enrollee at the enrollee's last known address at least 60 days before the dependent child reaches the age of 26. The notice must include the date on which coverage ends and information on accessing the MNsure website as applicable.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 151.06, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Information provision; sources of lower cost prescription drugs.** (a) The board shall publish a page on its website that provides regularly updated information concerning:

(1) patient assistance programs offered by drug manufacturers, including information on how to access the programs;

(2) the insulin safety net program established in section 151.74, including information on how to access the program;

(3) the prescription drug assistance program established by the Minnesota Board of Aging under section 256.975, subdivision 9;

~~(4)~~ (4) the websites through which individuals can access information concerning eligibility for and enrollment in Medicare, medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, and other government-funded programs that help pay for the cost of health care;

~~(5)~~ (5) availability of providers that are authorized to participate under section 340b of the federal Public Health Services Act, United States Code, title 42, section 256b;

~~(6)~~ (6) having a discussion with the pharmacist or the consumer's health care provider about alternatives to a prescribed drug, including a lower cost or generic drug if the drug prescribed is too costly for the consumer; and

~~(7)~~ (7) any other resource that the board deems useful to individuals who are attempting to purchase prescription drugs at lower costs.

(b) The board must prepare educational materials, including brochures and posters, based on the information it provides on its website under paragraph (a). The materials must be in a form that can be downloaded from the board's website and used for patient education by pharmacists and by health care practitioners who are licensed to prescribe. The board is not required to provide printed copies of these materials.

(c) The board shall require pharmacists and pharmacies to make available to patients information on sources of lower cost prescription drugs, including information on the availability of the website established under paragraph (a).

Sec. 4. **[151.74] INSULIN SAFETY NET PROGRAM.**

**Subdivision 1. Establishment.** (a) By July 1, 2020, each manufacturer must establish procedures to make insulin available in accordance with this section to eligible individuals who are in urgent need of insulin or who are in need of access to an affordable insulin supply.

(b) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "manufacturer" means a manufacturer engaged in the manufacturing of insulin that is self-administered on an outpatient basis;

(2) "MNsured" means the Board of Directors of MNsure established in chapter 62V;

(3) "navigator" has the meaning provided in section 62V.02; and

(4) "pharmacy" means a pharmacy located in Minnesota and licensed under section 151.19 that operates in the community or outpatient license category under Minnesota Rules, part 6800.0350.

(c) Any manufacturer with an annual gross revenue of \$2,000,000 or less from insulin sales in Minnesota is exempt from this section. To request a waiver under this paragraph, the manufacturer must submit a request to the Board of Pharmacy that includes documentation indicating that the manufacturer is eligible for an exemption.

(d) An insulin product is exempt from this section if the wholesale acquisition cost of the insulin is \$8 or less per milliliter or applicable National Council for Prescription Drug Plan billing unit, for the entire assessment time period, adjusted annually based on the consumer price index.

**Subd. 2. Eligibility for urgent-need safety net program.** (a) To be eligible to receive an urgent-need supply of insulin under this section, an individual must attest to:

(1) being a resident of Minnesota;

(2) not being enrolled in medical assistance or MinnesotaCare;

(3) not being enrolled in prescription drug coverage that limits the total amount of cost-sharing that the enrollee is required to pay for a 30-day supply of insulin, including co-payments, deductibles, or coinsurance, to \$75 or less, regardless of the type or amount of insulin prescribed;

(4) not having received an urgent-need supply of insulin through this program within the previous 12 months, unless authorized under subdivision 9; and

(5) being in urgent need of insulin.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "urgent need of insulin" means having readily available for use less than a seven-day supply of insulin and in need of insulin in order to avoid the likelihood of suffering significant health consequences.



Subd. 3. Access to urgent-need insulin. (a) MNsure shall develop an application form to be used by an individual who is in urgent need of insulin. The application must ask the individual to attest to the eligibility requirements described in subdivision 2. The form shall be accessible through MNsure's website. MNsure shall also make the form available to pharmacies and health care providers who prescribe or dispense insulin, hospital emergency departments, urgent care clinics, and community health clinics. By submitting a completed, signed, and dated application to a pharmacy, the individual attests that the information contained in the application is correct.

(b) If the individual is in urgent need of insulin, the individual may present a completed, signed, and dated application form to a pharmacy. The individual must also:

(1) have a valid insulin prescription; and

(2) present the pharmacist with identification indicating Minnesota residency in the form of a valid Minnesota identification card, driver's license, or permit. If the individual in urgent need of insulin is under the age of 18, the individual's parent or legal guardian must provide the pharmacist with proof of residency.

(c) Upon receipt of a completed and signed application, the pharmacist shall dispense the prescribed insulin in an amount that will provide the individual with a 30-day supply. The pharmacy must notify the health care practitioner who issued the prescription order no later than 72 hours after the insulin is dispensed.

(d) The pharmacy may submit to the manufacturer of the dispensed insulin product or to the manufacturer's vendor a claim for payment that is in accordance with the National Council for Prescription Drug Program standards for electronic claims processing, unless the manufacturer agrees to send to the pharmacy a replacement supply of the same insulin as dispensed in the amount dispensed. If the pharmacy submits an electronic claim to the manufacturer or the manufacturer's vendor, the manufacturer or vendor shall reimburse the pharmacy in an amount that covers the pharmacy's acquisition cost.

(e) The pharmacy may collect an insulin co-payment from the individual to cover the pharmacy's costs of processing and dispensing in an amount not to exceed \$35 for the 30-day supply of insulin dispensed.

(f) The pharmacy shall also provide each eligible individual with the information sheet described in subdivision 7 and a list of trained navigators provided by the Board of Pharmacy for the individual to contact if the individual is in need of accessing ongoing insulin coverage options, including assistance in:

(1) applying for medical assistance or MinnesotaCare;

(2) applying for a qualified health plan offered through MNsure, subject to open and special enrollment periods;

(3) accessing information on providers who participate in prescription drug discount programs, including providers who are authorized to participate in the 340B program under section 340b of the federal Public Health Services Act, United States Code, title 42, section 256b; and

(4) accessing insulin manufacturers' patient assistance programs, co-payment assistance programs, and other foundation-based programs.

(g) The pharmacist shall retain a copy of the application form submitted by the individual to the pharmacy for reporting and auditing purposes.

**Subd. 4. Continuing safety net program; general.** (a) Each manufacturer shall make a patient assistance program available to any individual who meets the requirements of this subdivision. Each manufacturer's patient assistance programs must meet the requirements of this section. Each manufacturer shall provide the Board of Pharmacy with information regarding the manufacturer's patient assistance program, including contact information for individuals to call for assistance in accessing their patient assistance program.

(b) To be eligible to participate in a manufacturer's patient assistance program, the individual must:

(1) be a Minnesota resident with a valid Minnesota identification card that indicates Minnesota residency in the form of a Minnesota identification card or driver's license or permit. If the individual is under the age of 18, the individual's parent or legal guardian must provide proof of residency;

(2) have a family income that is equal to or less than 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines;

(3) not be enrolled in medical assistance or MinnesotaCare;

(4) not be eligible to receive health care through a federally funded program or receive prescription drug benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

(5) not be enrolled in prescription drug coverage through an individual or group health plan that limits the total amount of cost-sharing that an enrollee is required to pay for a 30-day supply of insulin, including co-payments, deductibles, or coinsurance to \$75 or less, regardless of the type or amount of insulin needed.

(c) Notwithstanding the requirement in paragraph (b), clause (4), an individual who is enrolled in Medicare Part D is eligible for a manufacturer's patient assistance program if the individual has spent \$1,000 on prescription drugs in the current calendar year and meets the eligibility requirements in paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (3).

(d) An individual who is interested in participating in a manufacturer's patient assistance program may apply directly to the manufacturer; apply through the individual's health care practitioner, if the practitioner participates; or contact a trained navigator for assistance in finding a long-term insulin supply solution, including assistance in applying to a manufacturer's patient assistance program.

**Subd. 5. Continuing safety net program; manufacturer's responsibilities.** (a) Upon receipt of an application for the manufacturer's patient assistance program, the manufacturer shall process the application and determine eligibility. The manufacturer shall notify the applicant of the determination within ten business days of receipt of the application. If necessary, the manufacturer may request additional information from the applicant. If additional information is needed, the manufacturer must notify the applicant within five business days of receipt of the application as to

what information is being requested. Within three business days of receipt of the requested information, the manufacturer must determine eligibility and notify the applicant of the determination. If the individual has been determined to be not eligible, the manufacturer must include the reasons for denying eligibility in the notification. The individual may seek an appeal of the determination in accordance with subdivision 8.

(b) If the individual is determined to be eligible, the manufacturer shall provide the individual with an eligibility statement or other indication that the individual has been determined eligible for the manufacturer's patient assistance program. An individual's eligibility is valid for 12 months, and is renewable upon a redetermination of eligibility.

(c) If the eligible individual has prescription drug coverage through an individual or group health plan, the manufacturer may determine that the individual's insulin needs are better addressed through the use of the manufacturer's co-payment assistance program, in which case, the manufacturer shall inform the individual and provide the individual with the necessary coupons to submit to a pharmacy. In no instance shall an eligible individual be required to pay more than the co-payment amount specified under subdivision 6, paragraph (e).

Subd. 6. **Continuing safety net program; process.** (a) The individual shall submit to a pharmacy the statement of eligibility provided by the manufacturer under subdivision 5, paragraph (b). Upon receipt of an individual's eligibility status, the pharmacy shall submit an order containing the name of the insulin product and the daily dosage amount as contained in a valid prescription to the product's manufacturer.

(b) The pharmacy must include with the order to the manufacturer the following information:

(1) the pharmacy's name and shipping address;

(2) office telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and contact name; and

(3) any specific days or times when deliveries are not accepted by the pharmacy.

(c) Upon receipt of an order from a pharmacy and the information described in paragraph (b), the manufacturer shall send to the pharmacy a 90-day supply of insulin as ordered, unless a lesser amount is requested in the order, at no charge to the individual or pharmacy.

(d) Except as authorized under paragraph (e), the pharmacy shall provide the insulin to the individual at no charge to the individual. The pharmacy shall not provide insulin received from the manufacturer to any individual other than the individual associated with the specific order. The pharmacy shall not seek reimbursement for the insulin received from the manufacturer or from any third-party payer.

(e) The pharmacy may collect a co-payment from the individual to cover the pharmacy's costs for processing and dispensing in an amount not to exceed \$50 for each 90-day supply if the insulin is sent to the pharmacy.

(f) The pharmacy may submit to a manufacturer a reorder for an individual if the individual's eligibility statement has not expired. Upon receipt of a reorder from a pharmacy, the manufacturer must send to the pharmacy an additional 90-day supply of the product, unless a lesser amount is

requested, at no charge to the individual or pharmacy if the individual's eligibility statement has not expired.

(g) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), a manufacturer may send the insulin as ordered directly to the individual if the manufacturer provides a mail order service option.

**Subd. 7. Board of Pharmacy and MNsure responsibilities.** (a) The Board of Pharmacy shall develop an information sheet to post on its website and provide a link to the information sheet on the board's website for pharmacies, health care practitioners, hospital emergency departments, urgent care clinics, and community health clinics. The information sheet must contain:

(1) a description of the urgent-need insulin safety net program, including how to access the program;

(2) a description of each insulin manufacturer's patient assistance program and cost-sharing assistance program, including contact information on accessing the assistance programs for each manufacturer;

(3) information on how to contact a trained navigator for assistance in applying for medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, a qualified health plan, or an insulin manufacturer's patient assistance programs;

(4) information on how to contact the Board of Pharmacy if a manufacturer determines that an individual is not eligible for the manufacturer's patient assistance program; and

(5) notification that an individual in need of assistance may contact their local county social service department for more information or assistance in accessing ongoing affordable insulin options.

(b) The board shall also inform each individual who accesses urgent-need insulin through the insulin safety net program or accesses a manufacturer's patient assistance program that the individual may participate in a survey conducted by the Department of Health regarding satisfaction with the program. The board shall provide contact information for the individual to learn more about the survey and how to participate. This information may be included on the information sheet described in paragraph (a).

(c) MNsure, in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy and the commissioner of human services, shall develop a training program for navigators to provide navigators with information and resources necessary to assist individuals in accessing appropriate long-term insulin options.

(d) MNsure, in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy, shall compile a list of navigators who have completed the training program, and who are available to assist individuals in accessing affordable insulin coverage options. The list shall be made available through the board's website and to pharmacies and health care practitioners who dispense and prescribe insulin.

(e) If a navigator assists an individual in accessing an insulin manufacturer's patient assistance program, MNsure, within the available appropriation, shall pay the navigator a onetime application assistance bonus of no less than \$25. If a navigator receives a payment per enrollee of an assistance

bonus under section 62V.05, subdivision 4, or 256.962, subdivision 5, the navigator shall not receive compensation under this paragraph.

Subd. 8. **Dispute resolution.** (a) If an individual disagrees with a manufacturer's determination of eligibility under subdivision 5, the individual may contact the Board of Pharmacy to request the use of a three-person panel to review eligibility. The panel shall be composed of three members of the board. The individual requesting the review shall submit to the board, with the request, all documents submitted by the individual to the manufacturer. The board shall provide the panel with the documents submitted by the individual. The panel shall render a decision within ten business days of receipt of all the necessary documents from the individual. The decision of the panel is final.

(b) If the panel determines that the individual is eligible, the manufacturer shall provide the individual with an eligibility statement in accordance with subdivision 5.

Subd. 9. **Additional 30-day urgent-need insulin supply.** (a) If an individual has applied for medical assistance or MinnesotaCare but has not been determined eligible or has been determined eligible but coverage has not become effective or the individual has been determined ineligible for the manufacturers' patient assistance program by the manufacturer and the individual has requested a review pursuant to subdivision 8 but the panel has not rendered a decision, the individual may access urgent-need insulin under subdivision 3 if the individual is in urgent need of insulin as defined under subdivision 2, paragraph (b).

(b) To access an additional 30-day supply of insulin, the individual must attest to the pharmacy that the individual meets the requirements of paragraph (a) and must comply with subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

Subd. 10. **Penalty.** (a) If a manufacturer fails to comply with this section, the board may assess an administrative penalty of \$200,000 per month of noncompliance, with the penalty increasing to \$400,000 per month if the manufacturer continues to be in noncompliance after six months, and increasing to \$600,000 per month if the manufacturer continues to be in noncompliance after one year. The penalty shall remain at \$600,000 per month for as long as the manufacturer continues to be in noncompliance.

(b) In addition, a manufacturer is subject to the administrative penalties specified in paragraph (a) if the manufacturer fails to:

(1) provide a hotline for individuals to call or access between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. on weekdays and between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays; and

(2) list on the manufacturer's website the eligibility requirements for the manufacturer's patient assistance programs for Minnesota residents.

(c) Any penalty assessed under this subdivision shall be deposited in a separate insulin assistance account in the special revenue fund.

Subd. 11. **Data.** (a) Any data collected, created, received, maintained, or disseminated by the Board of Pharmacy, the legislative auditor, the commissioner of health, MNsure, or a trained navigator under this section related to an individual who is seeking to access urgent-need insulin or participate in a manufacturer's patient assistance program under this section is classified as private data on

individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 2, and may not be retained for longer than ten years.

(b) A manufacturer must maintain the privacy of all data received from any individual applying for the manufacturer's patient assistance program under this section and is prohibited from selling, sharing, or disseminating data received under this section unless required to under this section or the individual has provided the manufacturer with a signed authorization.

Subd. 12. **State and federal anti-kickback provisions.** (a) The conduct of any person or entity participating in or administering the insulin safety net program under this section is not subject to liability under section 62J.23, subdivisions 1 and 2.

(b) No person or entity, including but not limited to any drug manufacturer, pharmacy, pharmacist, or third-party administrator, as part of the person's or entity's participation in or administration of the insulin safety net program established under this section, shall request or seek, or cause another to request or seek, any reimbursement or other compensation for which payment may be made in whole or in part under a federal health care program, as defined in United States Code, title 42, section 1320a-7b(f).

Subd. 13. **Reports.** (a) By February 15 of each year, beginning February 15, 2021, each manufacturer shall report to the Board of Pharmacy the following:

(1) the number of Minnesota residents who accessed and received insulin on an urgent-need basis under this section in the preceding calendar year;

(2) the number of Minnesota residents participating in the manufacturer's patient assistance program in the preceding calendar year, including the number of Minnesota residents who the manufacturer determined were ineligible for their patient assistance program; and

(3) the value of the insulin provided by the manufacturer under clauses (1) and (2).

For purposes of this paragraph, "value" means the wholesale acquisition cost of the insulin provided.

(b) By March 15 of each year, beginning March 15, 2021, the Board of Pharmacy shall submit the information reported in paragraph (a) to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance. The board shall also include in the report any administrative penalties assessed under subdivision 10, including the name of the manufacturer and amount of the penalty assessed.

Subd. 14. **Program review; legislative auditor.** (a) The legislative auditor is requested to conduct a program review to determine:

(1) whether the manufacturers are meeting the responsibilities required under this section, including but not limited to:

(i) reimbursing pharmacies for urgent-need insulin dispensed under subdivision 3;

(ii) determining eligibility in a timely manner and notifying the individuals as required under subdivision 5; and

(iii) providing pharmacies with insulin product under the manufacturers' patient assistance program; and

(2) whether the training program developed for navigators is adequate and easily accessible for navigators interested in becoming trained, and that there is a sufficient number of trained navigators to provide assistance to individuals in need of assistance.

(b) The legislative auditor may access application forms retained by pharmacies under subdivision 3, paragraph (g), to determine whether urgent-need insulin is being dispensed in accordance with this section.

Subd. 15. **Program satisfaction; surveys.** (a) The commissioner of health, in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy and individuals who are insulin-dependent, shall develop and conduct a survey of individuals who have accessed urgent-need insulin through the program and who are accessing or have accessed a manufacturers' patient assistance program since the commencement of the insulin safety net program; and a survey of pharmacies that have dispensed insulin on an urgent-need basis under the program and have participated in the manufacturers' patient assistance programs under this section.

(b) The survey for individuals shall cover overall satisfaction with the program, including but not limited to:

(1) accessibility to urgent-need insulin;

(2) adequacy of the information sheet and list of navigators received from the pharmacy;

(3) whether the individual contacted a trained navigator and, if so, if the navigator was helpful and knowledgeable;

(4) whether the individual accessed the manufacturers' patient assistance program and, if so, how easy was it to access application forms, apply to the manufacturers' programs, and receive the insulin product from the pharmacy; and

(5) whether the individual is still in need of a long-term solution for affordable insulin.

(c) The survey for the pharmacies shall include, but is not limited to:

(1) timeliness of reimbursement from the manufacturers for urgent-need insulin dispensed by the pharmacy;

(2) ease in submitting insulin product orders to the manufacturers; and

(3) timeliness of receiving insulin orders from the manufacturers.

(d) The commissioner may contract with a nonprofit entity to develop and conduct the survey and to evaluate the survey results.

(e) By January 15, 2022, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance containing the results of the surveys.

Subd. 16. **Legislative review; sunset.** (a) The legislature shall review the reports from the Board of Pharmacy under subdivision 13, paragraph (b); the program review by the legislative auditor under subdivision 14; and the report from the commissioner of health on the survey results under subdivision 15, paragraph (e); and any other relevant information related to the cost, access, and affordability of insulin, and make a determination on whether there is a need for the continued implementation of the long-term safety net program described in subdivisions 4 to 6 to ensure that Minnesota residents have access to affordable emergency and long-term insulin or whether the market has sufficiently changed to where the continuation of this program is no longer needed past December 31, 2024, or whether there are more appropriate options available to ensure access to affordable insulin for all Minnesota residents.

(b) Subdivisions 4 to 6, 8, and 9 expire December 31, 2024, unless the legislature affirmatively determines the need for the continuation of the long-term safety net program described in subdivisions 4 to 6.

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

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 214.122, is amended to read:

**214.122 INFORMATION PROVISION; PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

(a) The Board of Medical Practice and the Board of Nursing shall at least annually inform licensees who are authorized to prescribe prescription drugs of the availability of the Board of Pharmacy's website that contains information on resources and programs to assist patients with the cost of prescription drugs. The boards shall provide licensees with the website address established by the Board of Pharmacy under section 151.06, subdivision 6, and the materials described under section 151.06, subdivision 6, paragraph (b). The boards shall also ensure that licensees are provided with information on the insulin safety net program established in section 151.74, and a link to the Board of Pharmacy's information sheet on how patients can apply for the program.

(b) Licensees must make available to patients information on sources of lower cost prescription drugs, including information on the availability of the website established by the Board of Pharmacy under section 151.06, subdivision 6.

Sec. 6. **PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

The Board of Directors of MNSure shall conduct a public awareness campaign to create awareness of the insulin safety net program established under Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74, including how to access insulin if an individual is in urgent need, and the availability of insulin manufacturers' patient assistance programs.

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

Sec. 7. **SEVERABILITY.**

If any provision of this act is found to be unconstitutional or void, the remaining provisions of this act are valid.



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

Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) \$297,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2020 from the health care access fund to the Board of Directors of MNsure to train navigators to assist individuals and provide compensation as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74, subdivision 7. Of this appropriation, \$108,000 is for implementing the training requirements for navigators and \$189,000 is for application assistance bonus payments. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until December 31, 2024.

(b) \$250,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2020 from the health care access fund to the Board of Directors of MNsure for a public awareness campaign for the insulin safety net program established under Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until December 31, 2024.

(c) \$76,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2021 from the health care access fund to the Board of Pharmacy to implement Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74. The base for this appropriation is \$76,000 in fiscal year 2022; \$76,000 in fiscal year 2023; \$76,000 in fiscal year 2024; \$38,000 in fiscal year 2025; and \$0 in fiscal year 2026.

(d) \$136,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the health care access fund to the commissioner of health to implement the survey to assess program satisfaction in Minnesota Statutes, section 151.74, subdivision 12. The base for this appropriation is \$80,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$0 in fiscal year 2023. This is a onetime appropriation.

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

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to health care; requiring a dependent child notice; establishing the Alec Smith Insulin Affordability Act; requiring reports; requiring a public awareness campaign; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, sections 151.06, subdivision 6; 214.122; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 62Q; 151."

We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

House Conferees: Michael Howard, Tina Liebling, Kelly Morrison, Tony Albright

Senate Conferees: Scott Jensen, Michelle Benson, Eric Pratt, Julie Rosen, Melissa Wiklund

Senator Jensen moved that the foregoing recommendations and Conference Committee Report on H.F. No. 3100 be now adopted, and that the bill be repassed as amended by the Conference Committee. The motion prevailed. So the recommendations and Conference Committee Report were adopted.

H.F. No. 3100 was read the third time, as amended by the Conference Committee, and placed on its repassage.

The question was taken on the repassage of the bill, as amended by the Conference Committee.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 67 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Draheim	Howe	Little	Ruud
Anderson, B.	Dziedzic	Ingebrigtsen	Marty	Senjem
Anderson, P.	Eaton	Isaacson	Mathews	Simonson
Bakk	Eichorn	Jasinski	Miller	Sparks
Benson	Eken	Jensen	Nelson	Tomassoni
Bigham	Franzen	Johnson	Newman	Torres Ray
Carlson	Frentz	Kent	Newton	Utke
Chamberlain	Gazelka	Kiffmeyer	Osmek	Weber
Champion	Goggin	Klein	Pappas	Westrom
Clausen	Hall	Koran	Pratt	Wiger
Cohen	Hawj	Laine	Rarick	Wiklund
Cwodzinski	Hayden	Lang	Relph	
Dahms	Hoffman	Latz	Rest	
Dibble	Housley	Limmer	Rosen	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Gazelka cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Anderson, B.; Dahms; Hall; Housley; Ruud; and Senjem.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Kent cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Clausen, Dziedzic, Eaton, Franzen, Isaacson, Klein, Laine, Latz, Newton, Pappas, Rest, Sparks, Torres Ray, and Wiklund.

So the bill, as amended by the Conference Committee, was repassed and its title was agreed to.

### ADJOURNMENT

Senator Gazelka moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 16, 2020. The motion prevailed.

Cal R. Ludeman, Secretary of the Senate