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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; providing reimbursement for expenses related to securing
1.3 a permit to carry for low-income citizens; establishing The Affordable
1.4 Self-Protection Act; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in
1.5 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 624.

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

1.7 Section 1. 624.7145 GRANTS FOR PERMITS TO CARRY PISTOLS.

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** The commissioner of public safety shall reimburse
1.9 eligible applicants for 50 percent of the cost of securing a permit to carry a pistol under
1.10 section 624.714, including the permit fee assessed by the issuing authority and the mandatory
1.11 training course fee. The commissioner shall develop a grant application form and make the
1.12 form available to sheriffs and chiefs of police delegated the authority to issue permits under
1.13 section 624.714. Permit-issuing authorities must provide a copy of the grant application
1.14 form to each person who is issued a permit to carry. Grants are for initial permits only, and
1.15 shall be awarded as long as appropriated funds remain available.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, an "eligible applicant" is a resident of
1.17 the state who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under state or federal law, secures
1.18 a permit to carry a pistol under section 624.714, and has an annual income of less than 200
1.19 percent of the federal poverty level.

1.20 Subd. 3. **Title.** This section may be cited as "The Affordable Self-Protection Act."

2.1 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

2.2 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and \$..... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general
2.3 fund to the commissioner of public safety to fund reimbursement grants under this act.