

# HEALTH DEPT

## Change Item: STATE GOVERNMENT SPECIAL REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
General Fund				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Fund – SGSR (Fund 170)				
Expenditures	0	633	722	722
Revenues	0	659	659	659
Net Fiscal Impact	0	26	(63)	(63)

### Recommendation

The Governor recommends an appropriation increase from the State Government Special Revenue fund for food, beverage, & lodging (FB&L) inspections in St. Louis County and increased licensure and inspection of public swimming pools and spa pools that are not associated with food or lodging establishments.

### Background

St. Louis County Inspection: The Department will assume responsibility for conducting food, beverage, and lodging facility inspections in St. Louis County as of January 1, 2009. These inspections were previously completed by county personnel through a delegation of authority agreement, but the county has formally notified MDH of its intent to relinquish this responsibility. This item accounts for the increase in license revenue and costs not accounted for in the program's base budget.

MDH license fees support the inspection activity for approximately 7800 restaurants, bars, hotels, motels, resorts and lodging establishments in 47 counties. In addition, the food, beverage and lodging program licenses approximately 2500 temporary food stands. Establishments are routinely inspected to identify and reduce risk factors found to cause food borne illness. There will be additional revenue (\$468,000/year) paid to the Department when the additional 1000 facilities in St. Louis County revert to the state program. The increased appropriation of \$435,000 in FY09 and \$524,000 in FY10 and FY11 is necessary in order to provide the service and inspection frequency for the addition of this county to the Department's workload.

Swimming Pool Regulation Modification: This proposal will improve pool safety and water quality standards by requiring that all public swimming pools and spas be licensed by the Department. There are currently 1000 pools licensed and inspected by the Department; 500-700 additional swimming pools would be subject to state regulation and inspections. New expenditures requested are \$198,000 per year with revenues of \$191,000 per year.

### Relationship to Base Budget

Base funding from the SGSR fund for the FB&L and pool programs is \$3.921 million each fiscal year. The addition of St. Louis County is a relatively large change for the program. The additional funds will support 5 FTE's for establishment of the program in St. Louis County to maintain the licensing and inspection activities. The change in the pool program that is part of the food safety and hospitality licensing program will support 2 additional FTE's and is a significant change for the pool program.

### Key Measures

- Identify all licensed facilities in St. Louis County and inspect according to statutory requirements based on food safety risk categories.
- License and inspect all public swimming pools to insure safety and conformity with changes in the state law.

**Statutory Change:** Not Applicable for the St. Louis County program transfer. The change in the pool statute is in M.S. section 144.1222 and M.S. section 157.16, and Minnesota Rules, part 4717.0250.