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H 2280. STERILIZATION COMPENSATION. Filed 5/18/06. *TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO THE PERSONS STERILIZED THROUGH THE STATE'S EUGENIC STERILIZATION PROGRAM*. Provides that any person who, as a result of the eugenic sterilization program, was sterilized between the years of 1929 and 1975, will receive compensation in the amount of $20,000 if the person submits a claim before June 30, 2009. The Department of Health and Human Services is to process the claims and is required to develop rules to administer the compensation program. Appropriates $165,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal 2006-07 to administer the claims. Establishes the Eugenic Sterilization Compensation Fund, and appropriates $69,100,000 from the General Fund to the State Treasurer in fiscal 2006-07 to establish the fund. Requires the Department to estimate the cost of providing health care, counseling, and educational assistance to persons eligible for compensation and report the findings to the House Appropriation Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and to the Senate Appropriation Subcommittee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2006. Appropriates $50,000 from the General Fund to the Department for fiscal 2006-07 to implement that requirement. Effective July 1, 2006.

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