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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 425

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for scientific and natural
1.3 areas acquisition and for acquisition of easements in wellhead protection areas;
1.4 authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. **RESOURCE PROTECTION IN SILICA SAND MINING AREAS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Scientific and natural areas.** \$..... is appropriated from the bond
1.8 proceeds fund to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire land or interests in land
1.9 as scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.033, in the areas
1.10 of the state with industrial silica sand resources likely to be mined, as identified by the
1.11 commissioner, in order to protect unique hydrological features, including calcareous
1.12 fens, springs, and trout streams; endangered or threatened species of plants or animals;
1.13 and unique geological features.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Wellhead protection.** \$..... is appropriated from the bond proceeds
1.15 fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent easements that will
1.16 prevent industrial silica sand mining in wellhead protection areas, as defined in Minnesota
1.17 Statutes, section 103I.005, subdivision 24, in the areas of the state with industrial silica
1.18 sand resources likely to be mined, as identified by the commissioner of natural resources.
1.19 The board must consult with the commissioner of health to prioritize the easements to be
1.20 acquired.

1.21 Subd. 3. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the
1.22 bond proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue
1.23 bonds of the state in an amount up to \$..... in the manner, upon the terms, and with

2.1 the effect prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the
2.2 Minnesota Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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