

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

S.F. No. 1838

(SENATE AUTHORS: HOWE, Johnson, Lang, Rarick and Tomassoni)

DATE
02/28/2019

D-PG
577

Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; requiring Pollution Control Agency to obtain social permit
1.3 before adopting new or modified water quality standard; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2018, section 115.44, subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 115.44, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 6. **Adopting and modifying standards.** The adoption, alteration, or modification
1.8 of the standards of quality and purity in subdivision 4 ~~shall~~ must be made by the agency in
1.9 accordance with chapter 14. Additionally, the adoption of a new standard or the alteration
1.10 or modification of an existing standard that makes the standard more stringent does not take
1.11 effect until the Pollution Control Agency obtains a social permit to adopt the standard,
1.12 alteration, or modification. For purposes of this subdivision, the Pollution Control Agency
1.13 obtains a social permit when a resolution in support of the new or modified standard is
1.14 adopted by the board of county commissioners of every county in Minnesota.