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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1814

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money to the Board of Water and
1.3 Soil Resources for wetland replacement program; authorizing the sale and
1.4 issuance of state bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. WETLAND REPLACEMENT DUE TO PUBLIC ROAD PROJECTS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$16,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds
1.8 fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire land or permanent easements
1.9 and to restore, create, enhance, and preserve wetlands to replace those wetlands drained
1.10 or filled as a result of the repair, reconstruction, replacement, or rehabilitation of
1.11 existing public roads as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.222, subdivision
1.12 1, paragraphs (l) and (m). The board may vary the priority order of Minnesota Statutes,
1.13 section 103G.222, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), to implement an in-lieu fee agreement
1.14 approved by the United States Army Corps of Engineers under section 404 of the Clean
1.15 Water Act. The purchase price paid for acquisition of land or perpetual easement must
1.16 be a fair market value as determined by the board. The board may enter into agreements
1.17 with the federal government, other state agencies, political subdivisions, nonprofit
1.18 organizations, fee title owners, or other qualified private entities to acquire wetland
1.19 replacement credits in accordance with Minnesota Rules, chapter 8420.

1.20 Subd. 2. Bond sale. To provide the money appropriated in this act from the bond
1.21 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
1.22 the state in an amount up to \$16,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
1.23 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
1.24 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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