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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1899

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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 natural resources; modifying civil penalties for certain invasive species
1.3 violations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84D.13, subdivision 5.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84D.13, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 5. **Civil penalties.** (a) A civil citation issued under this section must impose
1.7 the following penalty amounts:

1.8 (1) for transporting aquatic macrophytes in violation of section 84D.09, \$100;

1.9 (2) for placing or attempting to place into waters of the state water-related equipment
1.10 that has aquatic macrophytes attached, \$200;

1.11 (3) for unlawfully possessing or transporting a prohibited invasive species other
1.12 than an aquatic macrophyte, \$500;

1.13 (4) for placing or attempting to place into waters of the state water-related equipment
1.14 that has prohibited invasive species attached when the waters are not listed by the
1.15 commissioner as being infested with that invasive species, ~~\$500~~ up to \$1,000;

1.16 (5) for intentionally damaging, moving, removing, or sinking a buoy marking, as
1.17 prescribed by rule, Eurasian water milfoil, \$100;

1.18 (6) for failing to have drain plugs or similar devices removed or opened while
1.19 transporting water-related equipment or for failing to remove plugs, open valves, and
1.20 drain water from water-related equipment, other than marine sanitary systems, before
1.21 leaving waters of the state, \$100; and

1.22 (7) for transporting infested water off riparian property without a permit as required
1.23 by rule, \$200.

- 2.1 (b) A civil citation that is issued to a person who has one or more prior convictions
2.2 or final orders for violations of this chapter is subject to twice the penalty amounts listed
2.3 in paragraph (a).