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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

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A bill for an act

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relating to waters; requiring adoption of rules for regulating discharge of dredged

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and fill material into state waters; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section

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103G.2375.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103G.2375, is amended to read:

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103G.2375 ASSUMPTION OF SECTION 404 OF FEDERAL CLEAN WATER

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ACT.

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Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Board of Water and Soil

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Resources, in consultation with the commissioners of natural resources, agriculture, and

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the Pollution Control Agency, ~~may~~ shall adopt or amend rules establishing a program

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for regulating the discharge of dredged and fill material into the waters of the state as

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necessary to obtain approval from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to

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administer, in whole or part, the permitting and wetland banking programs under section

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404 of the federal Clean Water Act, United States Code, title 33, section 1344. The rules

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may not be more restrictive than the program under section 404 or state law.