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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 228

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to invasive species; modifying requirements of the statewide invasive
1.3 species management plan; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84D.02,
1.4 subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84D.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. Management plan. By December 31, 2021, and every five years thereafter,
1.8 the commissioner ~~shall~~ must prepare ~~and maintain~~ a long-term plan, which may include
1.9 specific plans for individual species and actions, for the statewide management of invasive
1.10 species of aquatic plants and wild animals. The plan must address:

1.11 (1) coordinated detection and prevention of accidental introductions;

1.12 (2) coordinated dissemination of information about invasive species of aquatic plants
1.13 and wild animals among resource management agencies and organizations;

1.14 (3) a coordinated public education and awareness campaign;

1.15 (4) coordinated control of selected invasive species of aquatic plants and wild animals
1.16 on lands and public waters;

1.17 (5) participation by lake associations, local citizen groups, and local units of government
1.18 in the development and implementation of local management efforts;

1.19 (6) a reasonable and workable inspection requirement for watercraft and equipment
1.20 including those participating in organized events on the waters of the state;

2.1 (7) the closing of points of access to infested waters, if the commissioner determines it  
2.2 is necessary, for a total of not more than seven days during the open water season for control  
2.3 or eradication purposes;

2.4 (8) maintaining public accesses on infested waters to be reasonably free of aquatic  
2.5 macrophytes; ~~and~~

2.6 (9) notice to travelers of the penalties for violation of laws relating to invasive species  
2.7 of aquatic plants and wild animals; and

2.8 (10) the impacts of climate change on invasive species management.