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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2745

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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 game and fish; prohibiting deposit of waste outside a shelter, motor
1.3 vehicle, or any other conveyance on the ice of state waters; requiring report on
1.4 options for funding additional enforcement of laws on ice of state waters; amending
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97C.355, by adding a subdivision; proposing
1.6 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97C.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97C.355, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.9 to read:

1.10 Subd. 9. Placing waste on ice prohibited. A person using a fish house, dark house, or
1.11 other shelter on the ice of state waters is subject to section 97C.363.

1.12 Sec. 2. [97C.363] STORING GARBAGE AND OTHER WASTE ON ICE.

1.13 Subdivision 1. Prohibition. A person using a shelter, a motor vehicle, or any other
1.14 conveyance on the ice of state waters may not deposit garbage, rubbish, cigarette filters,
1.15 debris from fireworks, offal, the body of a dead animal, litter, sewage, or any other waste
1.16 outside the shelter, motor vehicle, or conveyance unless the material is:

1.17 (1) placed in a container that is secured to the shelter, motor vehicle, or conveyance;

1.18 and

1.19 (2) not placed directly on the ice or in state waters.

1.20 Subd. 2. Definition. For purposes of this section, "sewage" means excrementitious or
1.21 other discharge from the bodies of human beings or animals, together with such other water
1.22 as may be present.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Penalty.** A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor, and a person who
2.2 violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of \$25 for each violation.

2.3 Sec. 3. **REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR FUNDING ADDITIONAL LAW**
2.4 **ENFORCEMENT ON ICE OF STATE WATERS.**

2.5 By January 1, 2024, the commissioner of natural resources must report to the chairs and
2.6 ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over
2.7 environment and natural resources on options for funding additional enforcement of state
2.8 laws on the ice of state waters. The commissioner must work with the Minnesota Sheriffs'
2.9 Association and other stakeholders in generating the report, which must include options
2.10 and recommendations related to potential funding sources, funding levels, and allocation
2.11 of funding between the various enforcement agencies.