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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 natural resources; modifying wild rice harvesting provisions; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 84.091, subdivision 2; 84.111, subdivision 4.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84.091, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **License required; exemptions.** (a) Except as provided in this subdivision, a
1.7 person may not harvest, buy, sell, transport, or possess aquatic plants without a license
1.8 required under this chapter. A license shall be issued in the same manner as provided under
1.9 the game and fish laws.

1.10 (b) A resident under the age of 18 years may harvest wild rice without a license, ~~if~~
1.11 ~~accompanied by a person with a wild rice license.~~

1.12 (c) Tribal band members who possess a valid tribal identification card from a federally
1.13 recognized tribe located in Minnesota are deemed to have a license to harvest wild rice
1.14 under this section.

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

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84.111, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 4. **Harvest hours.** ~~It is unlawful to~~ A person may not harvest any wild rice in any
1.18 public waters between 3:00 p.m. one-half hour after sunset and 9:00 a.m. following except
1.19 as otherwise expressly permitted in writing by an authorized committee member or other
1.20 agent of the commissioner pursuant to rules of the commissioner.

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