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1.1	A bill for an act
1.2 1.3	relating to natural resources; modifying definitions pertaining to buffer requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103F.48, subdivision
1.4	1.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103F.48, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
1.7	Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.8	the meanings given them.
1.9	(b) "Board" means the Board of Water and Soil Resources.
1.10	(c) "Buffer" means an area consisting of perennial vegetation, excluding invasive plants
1.11	and noxious weeds, adjacent to all bodies of water within the state and that protects the
1.12	water resources of the state from runoff pollution; stabilizes soils, shores, and banks; and
1.13	protects or provides riparian corridors.
1.14	(d) "Buffer protection map" means buffer maps established and maintained by the
1.15	commissioner of natural resources.
1.16	(e) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.
1.17	(f) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Board of Water and Soil
1.18	Resources.
1.19	(g) "Local water management authority" means a watershed district, metropolitan water
1.20	management organization, or county operating separately or jointly in its role as local water
1.21	management authority under chapter 103B or 103D.

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- (i) "Public waters" has the meaning given in section 103G.005, subdivision 15, paragraph
 (a), excluding clauses (9) and (11). The term public waters as used in this section applies
 to waters that are on the public waters inventory as provided in section 103G.201.
- (j) "With jurisdiction" means a board determination that the county or watershed district
 has adopted a rule, ordinance, or official controls providing procedures for the issuance of
 administrative penalty orders, enforcement, and appeals for purposes of this section and
- 2.10 section 103B.101, subdivision 12a.