

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring a report of Mississippi River critical area
1.3 program.

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

1.5 Section 1. **CRITICAL AREA REGULATION STUDY.**

1.6 The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the Environmental
1.7 Quality Board, shall report to the house and senate committees having jurisdiction over
1.8 environmental policy and finance by February 1, 2008, on the Mississippi River critical
1.9 area program. The report shall include the status of critical area plans, zoning ordinances,
1.10 the number and types of revisions anticipated, and the nature and number of variances
1.11 sought. The report shall include recommendations for regulations needed to adequately
1.12 protect and manage the aesthetic integrity and natural environment of the river corridor.