

A bill for an act

relating to environment; modifying regulation of storm water discharges;
appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 115.03,
subdivision 5c.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 115.03, subdivision 5c, is amended to read:

Subd. 5c. **Regulation of storm water discharges.** (a) The agency may issue a
general permit to any category or subcategory of point source storm water discharges
that it deems administratively reasonable and efficient without making any findings
under agency rules. Nothing in this subdivision precludes the agency from requiring an
individual permit for a point source storm water discharge if the agency finds that it is
appropriate under applicable legal or regulatory standards.

(b) Pursuant to this paragraph, the legislature authorizes the agency to adopt and
enforce rules regulating point source storm water discharges. No further legislative
approval is required under any other legal or statutory provision whether enacted before or
after May 29, 2003.

(c) The agency may develop performance standards, design standards, or other
tools to enable and promote the implementation of low impact development and other
storm water management techniques. For the purposes of this section, "low impact
development" means an approach to storm water management that mimics a site's natural
hydrology as the landscape is developed. Using the low impact development approach,
storm water is managed on site and the rate and volume of predevelopment storm water
reaching receiving waters is unchanged. The calculation of predevelopment hydrology is
based on native soil and vegetation.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; DESIGN STANDARDS FOR STORM WATER**
2.2 **RUNOFF.**

2.3 (a) \$500,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2010 from the clean water fund to
2.4 the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to develop minimal impact design
2.5 standards for urban storm water runoff. The money is available until June 30, 2013.

2.6 This is a onetime appropriation.

2.7 (b) The commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of
2.8 the legislative committees and divisions having primary jurisdiction over environment
2.9 and natural resources policy and finance no later than January 12, 2012, regarding the
2.10 expenditure of funds appropriated under this section.