

A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; expanding prohibitions on the appropriation of water from the Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 103G.271, subdivision 4a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 103G.271, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

Subd. 4a. **Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer.** (a) The commissioner may not issue new water use permits that will appropriate water from the Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer ~~in a metropolitan county, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4,~~ unless the appropriation is for potable water use, there are no feasible or practical alternatives to this source, and a water conservation plan is incorporated with the permit.

(b) The commissioner shall terminate all permits authorizing appropriation and use of water from the Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer for once-through systems in a metropolitan county, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, by December 31, 1992.