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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; establishing Keep it Clean program; appropriating
1.3 money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivisions 11, 12;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97C.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 11. Fish houses, dark houses, and shelters; residents. (a) Fees for the following
1.8 licenses are:

1.9 (1) annual for a fish house, dark house, or shelter that is not rented, \$15;

1.10 (2) annual for a fish house, dark house, or shelter that is rented, \$30;

1.11 (3) three-year for a fish house, dark house, or shelter that is not rented, \$42; and

1.12 (4) three-year for a fish house, dark house, or shelter that is rented, \$87.

1.13 (b) A \$10 surcharge must be added to all licenses under paragraph (a) and must be
1.14 deposited into the Keep it Clean account under section 97C.364, subdivision 3.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 12. Fish houses, dark houses, and shelters; nonresident. (a) Fees for fish house,
1.17 dark house, and shelter licenses for a nonresident are:

1.18 (1) annual, \$37;

1.19 (2) seven consecutive days selected by the licensee, \$21; and

1.20 (3) three-year, \$111.

2.1 (b) A \$10 surcharge must be added to all licenses under paragraph (a) and must be
2.2 deposited into the Keep it Clean account under section 97C.364, subdivision 3.

2.3 **Sec. 3. [97C.364] KEEP IT CLEAN PROGRAM; GRANTS.**

2.4 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner, in consultation with the Board of
2.5 Water and Soil Resources and the commissioners of the Pollution Control Agency and
2.6 health, must develop and administer a statewide Keep it Clean program to prevent water
2.7 pollution due to garbage and human waste left on the ice of state waters during winter use
2.8 activities. As part of the program, the commissioner must:

2.9 (1) coordinate with and provide outreach to local units of government and
2.10 nongovernmental organizations;

2.11 (2) facilitate other state agencies' participation in local programs and projects;

2.12 (3) coordinate media efforts;

2.13 (4) establish a statewide education campaign; and

2.14 (5) develop and administer a grant program according to subdivision 2.

2.15 Subd. 2. **Grants.** The commissioner must develop a grant program to provide money
2.16 to local units of government and nongovernmental organizations to implement local programs
2.17 to prevent water pollution due to garbage and human waste left on the ice of state waters
2.18 during winter use activities. Activities eligible for grants under this subdivision include but
2.19 are not limited to:

2.20 (1) installing and maintaining public, sanitary, winterized dumping stations at accessible,
2.21 designated locations near lake access points and major travel corridors;

2.22 (2) providing dedicated seasonal services, facilities, and containers to transport and
2.23 dispose of human and pet biowaste at preapproved locations;

2.24 (3) increasing enforcement of related state and local ordinances by providing the resources
2.25 needed to increase state and local law enforcement patrols during the winter months and
2.26 establishing volunteer county programs for winter lake patrol;

2.27 (4) education and outreach efforts promoting local and regional Keep it Clean activities;

2.28 (5) organizing spring cleanup efforts, excluding cleanup efforts after significant events,
2.29 including but not limited to festivals, ice fishing contests, and ice races; and

2.30 (6) local advertising and marketing efforts to educate and promote Keep it Clean
2.31 messaging and provide information about laws and regulations regarding Keep it Clean.

3.1 Subd. 3. **Keep it Clean account.** The Keep it Clean account is created in the state treasury
3.2 in the game and fish fund.

3.3 Subd. 4. **Receipts.** Money received from surcharges on fish houses, dark houses, and
3.4 shelters under section 97A.475, subdivisions 11 and 12, must be deposited in the Keep it
3.5 Clean account.

3.6 Subd. 5. **Use of account money.** Money credited to the Keep it Clean account in
3.7 subdivision 3 must be used for managing the Keep it Clean program and grants under this
3.8 section.

3.9 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION.**

3.10 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
3.11 of natural resources to develop and administer the Keep it Clean program under Minnesota
3.12 Statutes, section 97C.364. Of this amount, at least \$..... is available for grants.

3.13 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the Keep it Clean account in the game
3.14 and fish fund to the commissioner of natural resources to develop and administer the Keep
3.15 it Clean program under Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.364. Of this amount, at least \$.....
3.16 is available for grants.