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State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

**H. F. No. 2405**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; allowing the sale of state nursery plant stock to soil  
1.3 and water conservation districts; amending Laws 2011, First Special Session  
1.4 chapter 2, article 4, section 30.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, section 30, is amended  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Sec. 30. **STATE TREE NURSERY PROGRAM RESTRUCTURING;**  
1.9 **REPORT REQUIRED.**

1.10 (a) Beginning July 1, 2011, the commissioner of natural resources shall limit all new  
1.11 plantings at the Badoura State Nursery to the planting of stock for research ~~or~~ use on  
1.12 public lands or private conservation lands with permanent protection, or sale to soil and  
1.13 water conservation districts for use on private or public lands for conservation projects.  
1.14 Excess plant material may be sold or traded to private wholesale nurseries.

1.15 (b) By January 15, 2012, the commissioner of natural resources shall submit a budget  
1.16 and financial plan for the state nurseries to the chairs and ranking minority members of  
1.17 the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over  
1.18 environment and natural resources policy and finance. The plan shall include a long-term  
1.19 business plan to operate the Badoura State Nursery in a manner that is self-sufficient. The  
1.20 plan shall also include options for the General C.C. Andrews State Nursery.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.