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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2534

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; highways; regulating stormwater holding ponds;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 160.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. [160.202] HOLDING POND.

1.6 A road authority may not maintain a holding pond, including but not limited to a
1.7 detention pond or a retention pond, within the road right-of-way unless the pond is:

1.8 (1) designed with a maximum depth of three feet following peak discharge from
1.9 weather events; or

1.10 (2) separated from all adjacent roadways by a cable median barrier, or other traffic
1.11 barrier, capable of preventing a motor vehicle from entering the pond when traveling at
1.12 speeds typical for the adjacent road.

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

1.14 Sec. 2. ROAD AUTHORITIES; HOLDING POND IMPLEMENTATION.

1.15 (a) For purposes of this section, "road authority" has the meaning given under
1.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 160.02, subdivision 25.

1.17 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 160.202, a road authority shall
1.18 meet the requirements under that section by November 1, 2015, for any holding pond
1.19 established before the effective date of this act.

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