A bill for an act

relating to health; establishing a standard of protection for the risk of cancer and requiring modification of rules; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

Section 1. **[144.673] CANCER RISK ASSESSMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them.

(b) "Known carcinogen" means a substance categorized as a known human carcinogen by at least one of the following agencies: United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Toxicology Program, World Health Organization, or International Agency for Research on Cancer.

(c) "Probable carcinogen" means a substance categorized as a probable human carcinogen or a likely human carcinogen by at least one of the following agencies: United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Toxicology Program, World Health Organization, or International Agency for Research on Cancer.

Subd. 2. **Risk level.** The commissioner of health shall assess the risk of human cancer from known and probable carcinogens in the air, water, or soil using the following formula: a lifetime risk level of 10^{-6}, so that no more than one out of every 1,000,000 people exposed to a substance or chemical over a lifetime would be estimated to develop cancer from that exposure.

Subd. 3. **Implementation.** By January 1, 2009, the commissioners of health and the Pollution Control Agency shall revise rules and guidance to conform with this section. The revised rules and guidance apply to permits and licenses issued on or after August 1, 2009. Any permits or licenses issued prior to August 1, 2009, that are affected by this section shall remain valid until the permit or license is renewed, revised, or reissued.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2008.