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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; prohibiting application of wild rice water quality
1.3 standards until certain conditions are met.

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

1.5 Section 1. **WILD RICE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS.**

1.6 (a) Until the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency adopts the rules required
1.7 under Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, section 32, designating waters
1.8 containing natural beds of wild rice that are subject to wild rice water quality standards,
1.9 the commissioner shall not:

1.10 (1) apply the wild rice water quality standard for sulfate in class 4A waters to any
1.11 waters, including incorporating the standard or any requirements based on the standard
1.12 within any permits, compliance schedules, orders, or other control documents; or

1.13 (2) list waters containing natural beds of wild rice as impaired for sulfate under
1.14 section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act, United States Code, title 33, section 1313.

1.15 (b) For the purposes of this section, "waters containing natural beds of wild rice"
1.16 has the meaning given in Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, section
1.17 32, paragraph (b).