

A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; continuing aquatic plant management fees and priorities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 103G.615, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 103G.615, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Fees.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a fee schedule for permits to control or harvest aquatic plants other than wild rice. ~~The fees must be set by rule, and section 16A.1283 does not apply, but the rule must not take effect until 45 legislative days after it has been reported to the legislature.~~ The fees in effect as of January 1, 2010, shall remain in effect until further rulemaking authority is authorized by the legislature. The fees ~~shall be~~ may not exceed \$750 per permit, including groups applying under a single permit, based upon the cost of receiving, processing, analyzing, and issuing the permit, and additional costs incurred after the application to inspect and monitor the activities authorized by the permit, and enforce aquatic plant management rules and permit requirements.

(b) ~~A~~ The fee for a permit for the control of rooted aquatic vegetation is \$35 for each contiguous parcel of shoreline owned by an owner ~~may be charged~~. This fee may not be charged for permits issued in connection with purple loosestrife control or lakewide Eurasian water milfoil control programs.

(c) A fee may not be charged to the state or a federal governmental agency applying for a permit.

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2.1 (d) A fee for a permit for the control of rooted aquatic vegetation in a public
2.2 water basin that is 20 acres or less in size shall be one-half of the fee established under
2.3 paragraph (a).

2.4 (e) The money received for the permits under this subdivision shall be deposited in
2.5 the treasury and credited to the water recreation account.

2.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 103G.615, is amended by adding a
2.7 subdivision to read:

2.8 Subd. 8. **Aquatic plant management priority.** When controlling aquatic plants
2.9 on waters of the state, the commissioner shall give priority to waters impaired by aquatic
2.10 plants that do not have active lake associations or similar entities working to control
2.11 aquatic plants through aquatic plant management permitted under this section.