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A bill for an act

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relating to natural resources; allowing for lakewide invasive species control on

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public waters; exempting lakewide invasive species control from certain permit

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fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 103G.615, subdivisions 2, 3.

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

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

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read:

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Subd. 2. **Fees.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a fee schedule for permits to

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control or harvest aquatic plants other than wild rice. The fees must be set by rule, and

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section 16A.1283 does not apply, but the rule must not take effect until 45 legislative

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days after it has been reported to the legislature. The fees shall be based upon the cost

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of receiving, processing, analyzing, and issuing the permit, and additional costs incurred

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after the application to inspect and monitor the activities authorized by the permit, and

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enforce aquatic plant management rules and permit requirements.

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(b) A fee for a permit for the control of rooted aquatic vegetation for each contiguous

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parcel of shoreline owned by an owner may be charged. This fee may not be charged for

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permits issued in connection with purple loosestrife control or lakewide ~~Eurasian water~~

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~~milfoil~~ invasive species control programs.

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

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for a permit.

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(d) A fee for a permit for the control of rooted aquatic vegetation in a public

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water basin that is 20 acres or less in size shall be one-half of the fee established under

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paragraph (a).

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

2.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 103G.615, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 3. **Permit standards.** The commissioner shall, by rule, prescribe standards to
2.5 issue and deny permits under this section. The standards must ensure that aquatic plant
2.6 control is consistent with shoreland conservation ordinances, lake management plans
2.7 and programs, and wild and scenic river plans. The standards shall allow for lakewide
2.8 invasive species control programs.