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A bill for an act

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relating to natural resources; permitting the use of muffler cutouts and bypasses

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in certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 86B.521,

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subdivision 1.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 86B.521, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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Subdivision 1. **Exhaust muffling system required.** (a) A motor may not be used on

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a motorboat unless it is equipped with an efficient muffler, underwater exhaust, or other

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device that adequately muffles or suppresses the sound of the exhaust of the motor so as

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to prevent excessive or unusual noise. Except as provided under paragraph (b), a motor

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may not be equipped with an altered muffler, muffler cutout, muffler bypass, or any other

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device designed or installed so that it can be used to continually or intermittently bypass

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any muffler or muffler system installed in the motorboat or to reduce or eliminate the

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effectiveness of such a muffler or muffler system.

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(b) A motor used on a motorboat may be equipped with a muffler cutout or muffler

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bypass if the motor is incapable of exceeding the noise limits established under section

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86B.321, subdivision 2, at all levels of operation.