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A bill for an act

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relating to waters; requiring urban storm water retention pond buffers; proposing

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coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103F.

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

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Section 1. [103F.812] URBAN STORM WATER RETENTION POND BUFFER.

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(a) For purposes of this section:

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(1) "metropolitan local government" means (i) a county, home rule charter or

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statutory city, or town within the seven-county metropolitan area consisting of Anoka,

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Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties or (ii) a city of the

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first class; and

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(2) "storm water retention pond" means a water quality treatment pond constructed

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or maintained to pretreat storm water runoff prior to discharge to wetlands, public waters,

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or other water bodies.

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(b) A metropolitan local government shall maintain a ten-foot to 15-foot buffer

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around any storm water retention pond located on property owned by the metropolitan

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local government. Mowing, tilling, trimming, and the use of herbicides is prohibited

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within the buffer from March 31 to August 31 each year. If property boundaries or other

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physical barriers prevent maintenance of a ten-foot to 15-foot buffer, a metropolitan local

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government shall maintain the largest buffer possible within the existing physical confines.