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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to environment; requiring third-party contracting for certain analytical
- 1.3 testing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 84.027, by adding a
- 1.4 subdivision; 116.07, by adding a subdivision.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84.027, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 1.7 to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 21. **Contracting for testing.** When the commissioner's duties require physical
- 1.9 analytical testing, the commissioner must contract with a third party to perform the testing
- 1.10 if the third party uses testing methods that yield results:
- 1.11 (1) more quickly than the testing methods available to the department; and
- 1.12 (2) that are at least as accurate as the results obtained with testing methods available to
- 1.13 the department.
- 1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to
- 1.15 read:
- 1.16 Subd. 13. **Contracting for testing.** When the commissioner's duties require physical
- 1.17 analytical testing, the commissioner must contract with a third party to perform the testing
- 1.18 if the third party uses testing methods that yield results:
- 1.19 (1) more quickly than the testing methods available to the agency; and
- 1.20 (2) that are at least as accurate as the results obtained with testing methods available to
- 1.21 the agency.