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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 3524

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for lawns to legumes program;
1.3 canceling appropriation.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION CANCELLATION.

1.6 The appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 4, article 2, section 2,
1.7 subdivision 8, paragraph (c), Sauk River Dam Removal and Rock Rapids Replacement, is
1.8 canceled.

1.9 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.10 Sec. 2. LAWNS TO LEGUMES; APPROPRIATION.

1.11 \$900,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the environment and natural resources
1.12 trust fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for demonstration projects that provide
1.13 grants or payments to plant residential lawns with native vegetation and pollinator-friendly
1.14 forbs and legumes to protect a diversity of pollinators. The board must establish criteria for
1.15 grants or payments awarded under this section. Grants or payments awarded under this
1.16 section may be made for up to 75 percent of the costs of the project, except that in areas
1.17 identified by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as areas where there is a high
1.18 potential for rusty patched bumble bees to be present, grants may be awarded for up to 90
1.19 percent of the costs of the project.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective two days after the effective date of section

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