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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to environment; requiring rulemaking for subsurface sewage treatment
 1.3 systems.

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

1.5 Section 1. **RULEMAKING; SSTS; EXISTING CAMPGROUNDS AND**
 1.6 **RESORTS.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency shall adopt rules, using the
 1.8 expedited rulemaking process in Minnesota Statutes, section 14.389, to eliminate the need
 1.9 for existing campgrounds and resorts that are open for 180 days or less per year to estimate
 1.10 wastewater flow rates to subsurface sewage treatment systems as required by Minnesota
 1.11 Rules, part 7081.0040, subpart 1, item B. The rules shall establish flow monitoring and
 1.12 recording for subsurface sewage treatment systems at existing campgrounds and resorts
 1.13 that are open for 180 days or less per year as provided in paragraphs (b) to (f).

1.14 (b) The rules shall provide that existing campgrounds and resorts are allowed to use
 1.15 the following flow measurement methods:

1.16 (1) sewage lift station pump with runtime meter and counter;

1.17 (2) sewage flow meter;

1.18 (3) flow meters on wells; and

1.19 (4) water softener system with flow measurement when the measurement includes
 1.20 all flow to the subsurface soil treatment system, including backwash.

1.21 (c) The measured flow rate must include the total of all treatment systems that are
 1.22 located on the resort or campground. If fewer than 25 percent of the systems are not
 1.23 measured, an average of the metered systems can be used to determine the flow from
 1.24 the unmetered systems.

2.1 (d) A daily flow rate and daily campground occupancy rate must be recorded for a
2.2 minimum of two weeks, centered on and including July 4. Weekly monitoring must also
2.3 be done for an additional continuous two weeks prior and two weeks following July 4.

2.4 (e) If no flow data exists, the existing campground or resort owner or operator shall
2.5 implement an acceptable flow measurement plan and start measuring and recording flow
2.6 data within 120 days of notification.

2.7 (f) Flow measurement devices must be calibrated before start-up of monitoring and
2.8 another calibration during the test to verify results.

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

2.10 Sec. 2. **RULEMAKING; SEPTIC SYSTEM PROFESSIONALS; ELIGIBILITY.**

2.11 The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency shall adopt rules, using the
2.12 expedited rulemaking process in Minnesota Statutes, section 14.389, to create a procedure
2.13 for previously or currently certification-eligible septic system professionals to apply to
2.14 re-establish or maintain certification eligibility. The conditional eligibility shall begin upon
2.15 acceptance of an application by the Pollution Control Agency and end upon completion of
2.16 recertification procedures, including completion of necessary continuing education and
2.17 examinations. The length of the conditional eligibility shall be limited to one year.

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