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Introduction and first reading

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Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring competitive bids for providing certain online  
1.3 courses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.015, subdivision 4.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.015, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 4. **Student fee.** To defray the expense of the course, the Enforcement Division  
1.7 shall collect a fee from each person that takes the firearm safety course. The commissioner  
1.8 shall establish a fee that neither significantly overrecovers nor underrecovers costs, including  
1.9 overhead costs, involved in providing the services. The fee is not subject to the rulemaking  
1.10 provisions of chapter 14 and section 14.386 does not apply. The fees shall be deposited in  
1.11 the game and fish fund and the amount thereof is appropriated annually to the Enforcement  
1.12 Division of the Department of Natural Resources for the administration of the program. In  
1.13 addition to the fee established by the commissioner, instructors may charge each person up  
1.14 to the established fee amount for class materials and expenses. For any online hunter  
1.15 education and safety course offered by the commissioner, the commissioner must:

1.16 (1) seek competitive bids to provide the course and retain the lowest responsible bidder;  
1.17 or

1.18 (2) provide the public with multiple open-source vendors that provide an acceptable  
1.19 training course.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.