

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 3115**

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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to water; modifying certain groundwater appropriation permit  
 1.3 requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103G.287, subdivision  
 1.4 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103G.287, subdivision 2, is amended to  
 1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Relationship to surface water resources.** (a) Groundwater appropriations  
 1.9 that will have substantial negative impacts to surface waters evidenced by field data from  
 1.10 the affected area as determined by the commissioner are subject to applicable provisions  
 1.11 in section 103G.285.

1.12 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "substantial negative impacts" means  
 1.13 impacts that change the hydrology sufficient to cause ecosystem harm or alter riparian  
 1.14 uses long-term and, when applicable to streams, a 15 percent harmful effect in low flow.