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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2565

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    The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to natural resources; clarifying the removal of debris from public waters

1.3   and shoreland; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 103F.211, by adding

1.4   a subdivision; 103F.321, by adding a subdivision; 103G.245, subdivision 2.

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

1.6   Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 103F.211, is amended by adding a

1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8   Subd. 4. **Removal of logs; dead trees and branches.** The removal of logs and dead

1.9 trees and branches from the shoreland is exempt from any permit requirements.

1.10   Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 103F.321, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.11 to read:

1.12   Subd. 4. **Removal of logs; dead trees and branches.** The removal of logs and dead

1.13 trees and branches from the shoreland is exempt from any permit requirements when the

1.14 logs or dead trees and branches present safety hazards.

1.15   Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 103G.245, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.16   Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** A public waters work permit is not required for:

1.17   (1) work in altered natural watercourses that are part of drainage systems established

1.18 under chapter 103D or 103E if the work in the waters is undertaken according to chapter

1.19 103D or 103E; ~~or~~

1.20   (2) a drainage project for a drainage system established under chapter 103E that does

1.21 not substantially affect public waters~~.~~; or

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2.1   (3) removal of debris, including logs that are at or near the water surface, dead

2.2 trees and branches, and trash, that does not alter the original alignment, slope, or cross

2.3 section of the waters.