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

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to environment; modifying Clean Water Legacy Act; amending Minnesota
- 1.3 Statutes 2018, section 114D.15, subdivision 10.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 114D.15, subdivision 10, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 10. **Total maximum daily load or TMDL.** "Total maximum daily load" or
- 1.7 "TMDL" means a scientific study that contains a calculation of the maximum amount of a
- 1.8 pollutant that may be introduced into a surface water and still ensure that applicable water
- 1.9 quality standards for that water are restored and maintained. A TMDL also is the sum of
- 1.10 the pollutant load allocations for all sources of the pollutant, including a wasteload allocation
- 1.11 for point sources, a load allocation for nonpoint sources ~~and~~, a load allocation for natural
- 1.12 background, an allocation for future growth of point and nonpoint sources, and a margin of
- 1.13 safety to account for uncertainty about the relationship between pollutant loads and the
- 1.14 quality of the receiving surface water. "Natural background" means characteristics of the
- 1.15 water body resulting from the multiplicity of factors in nature, including climate and
- 1.16 ecosystem dynamics, that affect the physical, chemical, or biological conditions in a water
- 1.17 body, but does not include measurable and distinguishable pollution that is attributable to
- 1.18 human activity or influence. A TMDL must take into account seasonal variations.