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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. **4507**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying local authority to remove beaver dams;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.667, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.667, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Road authorities.** (a) When a drainage watercourse is impaired by a  
1.7 beaver dam and the water damages or threatens to damage a public road, the road authority,  
1.8 as defined in section 160.02, subdivision 25, may remove the impairment and any associated  
1.9 beaver lodge within 300 feet yards of the road.

1.10 (b) The road authority may kill beaver associated with the lodge or damage in any  
1.11 manner, except by poison or artificial lights.

1.12 (c) The road authority may arrange to have killed any beaver associated with the lodge  
1.13 by trapping through a third-party contract or under subdivision 4.