

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 2171, the third engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 24, delete section 53 and insert:

1.3 "Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement, section 97B.667, is amended to read:

1.4 **97B.667 REMOVAL OF BEAVERS, BEAVER DAMS, AND LODGES BY**  
1.5 **ROAD AUTHORITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS.**

1.6 (a) When a drainage watercourse is impaired by a beaver dam and the water damages  
1.7 or threatens to damage a public road, the road authority, as defined in section 160.02,  
1.8 subdivision 25, may remove the impairment and any associated beaver lodge within 300  
1.9 feet of the road. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the road authority may kill or  
1.10 arrange to have killed by any lawful means a beaver associated with the lodge.

1.11 (b) Local government units may kill or arrange to have killed by any lawful means  
1.12 beaver that are causing damage, including damage to silvicultural projects, on property  
1.13 owned or managed by the local government unit. Removal or destruction of any associated  
1.14 beaver lodge is subject to section 97A.401, subdivision 5.

1.15 (c) Before killing or arranging to kill a beaver under this section, the road authority  
1.16 or local government unit must contact a conservation officer for a special beaver permit.  
1.17 The conservation officer must issue the permit for any beaver subject to this section. A  
1.18 road authority or local government unit that kills or arranges to have killed a beaver under  
1.19 this section must notify a conservation officer or the officer's designee as specified in the  
1.20 permit within ten days after the animal is killed.

1.21 (d) A road authority or local government unit may, after consultation with the  
1.22 Wildlife Division ~~and the Board of Water and Soil Resources~~, implement a local beaver  
1.23 control program designed to reduce the number of incidents of beaver: (1) interfering with  
1.24 or damaging a public road; or (2) causing damage, including damage to silvicultural  
1.25 projects, on property owned or managed by a local government unit. The local control  
1.26 program may include the offering of a bounty for the lawful taking of beaver."