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H. F. No. 1852

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

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A bill for an act
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relating to solar energy generating systems; establishing setbacks for siting solar
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energy generating systems from parks and wildlife management areas; amending
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Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216I.05, by adding a subdivision.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216I.05, is amended by adding a subdivision
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to read:
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Subd. 1a. **Setbacks; solar energy generating systems.** A permit must not be granted
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under this chapter to construct a solar energy generating system that is located within
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three-quarters of a mile of:
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(1) a state park, as defined in section 86A.05, subdivision 2;
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(2) a state wildlife management area, as defined in section 86A.05, subdivision 8; or
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(3) a county park.
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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and
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applies to all solar energy generating systems applying for a site permit under Minnesota
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Statutes, chapter 216I, on or after that date.