

Soil and Water Conservation Provision Modifications

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Technical and Housekeeping Provisions

SF4446/HF4149 updates provisions within Minnesota Statute Chapter 103C related to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). Updated language will make it clearer for SWCDs, state agencies, and members of the public who refer to these statute provisions.

In particular:

- Sections 1 through 12 remove the term “land occupier” and replaces it with more accurate language.

In addition:

- Sections 2 and 3 referencing requirements for BWSR regarding the forming and terminating of SWCDs, removes outdated, vague and duplicative language found within these sections to recognize existing processes.
- Sections 4 and 5 of the bill update language for SWCD demonstration projects and implementing practices by recognizing efforts to fulfill these requirements in accordance with Chapter 103C and other statutory responsibilities.
- Section 7 of the bill clarifies that SWCDs perform inspections of the installation in addition to other stages of contracted conservation practices.
- Section 12 of the bill repeals the definition of the term “land occupier” since it has been removed elsewhere in M.S. Chapter 103C.

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