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This bill contains a number of provisions related to the environment and natural resources, including policy provisions being recommended by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Pollution Control Agency (PCA).

- 1 Settlement of claims; other specified powers. Amends § 9.071. Removes the power of the Executive Council to award leases to prospect for iron ore and approve rules on issuing mineral leases on state land.
- 2 Permitting efficiency. Amends § 84.027, subd. 14a. Requires the commissioner of natural resources to review permits issued by the department and provide a list of those permits or permit amendments that are deemed "minor" and subject to a new 60-day review and approval provision. The provision would require the commissioner to act on a minor permit or minor permit amendment within 60 days or the permit would be deemed approved. Requires the list to be updated at least every five years and posted on the department's website.
- **3** Electronic transactions. States that game and fish licenses are available through the electronic licensing system (ELS) even if the biennial appropriation law for the DNR has not been enacted. Provides a statutory appropriation from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget to carry out this section until the biennial appropriation is enacted and allows the commissioner to transfer a portion of the appropriation if necessary.
- 4 Acquisition procedure. Amends § 84.0272. Limits the amount the commissioner of natural resources may pay for land, when acquiring it in fee title, to 20 percent above the county assessor's estimated market value or 10 percent above appraised value, whichever is less, unless the commissioner makes a determination that the land is a high priority and documents the reason for that determination in writing. Current law limits the amount the commissioner may pay for land to 10 percent above the appraised value and allows the difference between purchases made below appraised value to be applied to purchases made above appraised value.
- **5 General exceptions.** Amends § 84.0895, subd. 7. Allows the commissioner of natural resources to issue general permits to governmental subdivisions or to the general public to take, import, transport, or sell any portion of an endangered species for certain purposes.

- 6 Road easements across state lands. Amends § 84.631. Allows the commissioner of natural resources to convey a road easement across school trust lands to private individuals and limits these easements to 50-year terms.
- **7 Forests for the future revolving account.** Amends § 84.67. Removes a requirement of the commissioner of natural resources to submit a report to the legislature on the use of the forests for the future revolving account.
- 8 Apprentice rider validation. Adds § 84.76. Allows a person 12 years of age or older who does not have the required safety certificate to ride a snowmobile/ATV/off highway motorcycle in up to two trail-riding events sponsored by the DNR that are designed for apprentice riders. Requires the person to be accompanied by an adult in a manner that allows for uninterrupted visual contact and verbal communication.
- 9 Acts prohibited. Amends § 84.91, subd. 1. Prohibits a person who has been convicted under § 169A.20 for driving a snowmobile or ATV while impaired or who refuses to comply with the testing requirements under § 169A.50 to § 169A.53 from operating any snowmobile or ATV for one year (current law prohibits operation of "the" snowmobile or ATV rather than "a" snowmobile or ATV).
- **10** Service provider. Amends § 84D.01, subd. 15a. Adds a person moving boats or other water related equipment as part of a service provided to members of yacht clubs, boat clubs, marinas, or similar organizations to the definition of "service provider" making the person subject to the new aquatic invasive species training and permit requirements passed last session.
- **11 Bait harvest from infested waters.** Amends § 84D.03, subd. 3. Allows the harvest of bullheads, goldeyes, mooneyes and other fish from infested streams or rivers for use as bait by noncommercial anglers provided certain conditions are met.
- 12 Prohibited activities. Amends § 84D.05, subd. 1. Technical.
- 13 Exceptions. Amends § 84D.09, subd. 2. Technical.
- **14 Launching prohibited.** Amends § 84D.10, subd. 1. Expands the prohibition on placing a watercraft or trailer with aquatic invasive species on it to apply to the placement of all water-related equipment.
- **15 Persons transporting water-related equipment.** Amends § 84D.10, subd. 4. Exempts portable bait containers used while ice fishing from the water draining requirements unless fishing on waters designated as infested with viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS). Prohibits a boat lift, dock, swim raft, or associated equipment that has been removed from the water from being placed into another water body for at least 21 days.
- **16 Inspection authority.** Amends § 84D.105, subd. 2. Allows the commissioner of natural resources to delegate inspection authority for watercraft and related equipment to tribal and local governments that assume all responsibility for inspection programs on public waters within their jurisdiction and requires a plan, reporting and certain standards to be met. Allows conservation officers and other peace officers to require water-related equipment be removed from a water body if necessary to implement aquatic invasive species control measures. Allows the commissioner to require mandatory inspections before a person places water-related equipment into a water body. Allows inspection stations to be established and establishes location, staffing, and other requirements for the stations.
- 17 Civil penalties. Amends § 84D.13, subd. 5. Doubles the penalty for a person who violates any provision of the invasive species laws (chapter 84D) more than once.
- **18 Authority of local government.** Amends § 85.018, subd. 2. Allows a local government unit to designate a grant-in-aid trail for concurrent motorized and nonmotorized use.

- **19** Fee deposit and appropriation; continued operation. Amends § 85.055, subd. 2. Requires state parks and state recreation areas to remain open even if the biennial appropriation law for the DNR has not been enacted. Provides a statutory appropriation from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget to carry out this section until the biennial appropriation is enacted and allows the commissioner to transfer a portion of the appropriation if necessary.
- 20 Violation of rules. Amends § 85.20, subd. 1. Reduces a misdemeanor penalty to a petty misdemeanor penalty for a person at a state park or other unit of the state's outdoor recreation system who willfully destroys certain living natural resources or property, or violates other rules of the unit. The penalty applies unless another penalty is imposed by statute.
- **21 Pass in possession.** Amends § 85.46, subd. 1. Establishes a petty misdemeanor penalty for a person who fails to comply with the existing horse pass requirements.
- **22 Deposit; continued operation.** Amends § 85A.04, subd. 1. Requires the Minnesota Zoo to remain open even if the biennial appropriation law for the operation of the zoo has not been enacted. Provides a statutory appropriation from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget to carry out this section until the biennial appropriation is enacted and allows the commissioner to transfer a portion of the appropriation if necessary.
- **23** Aquatic invasive species prevention program. Adds § 86B.13. Requires the commissioner of natural resources to establish a statewide course for preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species and to issue an aquatic invasive species trailer decal to those who complete the course. Allows the commissioner to contract with others to provide the training and testing.
- **24** Acts prohibited. Amends § 86B.331, subd. 1. Prohibits a person who has been convicted under § 169A.20 for operating a motorboat while impaired or who refuses to comply with the testing requirements under § 169A.50 to § 169A.53 from operating any motorboat for 90 days between May 1 and October 31 (current law prohibits operation of "the" motorboat rather than "a" motorboat).
- **25 Timber rules.** Removes the Executive Council's authority to approve timber sales on lots exceeding 6,000 cords.
- 26 State land on public waters. Amends § 92.45. Eliminates the prohibition on selling state lands bordering on or adjacent to meandered lakes and other public waters and watercourses.
- 27 Lease terms. Amends § 92.50, subd. 1. Removes a requirement that commercial leases issued by the DNR exceeding ten years or that are for the removal of peat covering 320 or more acres receive Executive Council approval. Increases the maximum length that the commissioner of natural resources may lease certain state lands for from ten years to 21 years.
- 28 Creation of Children's State Forest. Adds § 92.80.

Subd. 1. Purpose and scope. States the purpose of the section which is to expedite the exchange of state-owned lands within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) Wilderness.

Subd. 2. Classes of land. States that lands that may be involved in the expedited exchanges authorized in this section are school trust lands, university lands, other lands under the control of the commissioner of natural resources, and tax-forfeited lands.

Subd. 3. Priority. Requires priority to be given for exchanges with lands providing the most opportunity for revenue generation for the permanent school fund, including lands in the Mesabi Purchase Unit in St. Louis County and certain townships in St. Louis County.

Subd. 4. Valuation of land. Requires the examination and value of the lands to be determined in a manner agreed to by the commissioner (or the county for tax-forfeited lands) and an

authorized representative of the United States. Requires the lands to be exchanged for an equal number of acres.

Subd. 5. Title. Requires the title to be examined to the extent necessary to determine it is good and allows the use of title insurance.

Subd. 6. Approval by Land Exchange Board. Requires all exchanges under this section to be approved by the Land Exchange Board.

Subd. 7. Conveyance. Requires the commissioner of natural resources to convey, by deed, lands under the control of the commissioner and the commissioner of revenue to convey, by deed, the tax-forfeited lands. Subjects land exchanged under this section to the reservation of mineral and other rights as currently provided by law.

Subd. 8. Land status. Subjects lands received in exchange to the same trust, if any, as the lands given.

29 Condemnation of school trust land. Adds § 92.81.

Subd. 1. Purpose and scope. States the purpose of the section which is to facilitate the exchange of school trust lands within the BWCA Wilderness.

Subd. 2. Commencement of condemnation proceedings. Requires the commissioner to extinguish the school trust interest in lands through condemnation when an agreement with the United States has been reached on the exchange of the lands.

Subd. 3. Valuation. Exempts the sale of these lands from appraisal requirements.

- **30 Bid acceptance.** Amends § 93.17, subd. 3. Removes a requirement that the DNR issue leases to prospect for iron ore jointly with the Executive Council.
- **31 Conditions required.** Amends § 93.1925, subd. 1. Removes a requirement that the DNR issue leases for iron ore or taconite mining jointly with the Executive Council.
- **32 Term; conditions.** Amends § 93.20, subd. 2. Removes a requirement that the DNR prescribe the terms and conditions of iron ore mining leases jointly with the Executive Council.
- **33 Supplemental agreement.** Amends § 93.20, subd. 30. Allows the DNR to make a supplemental agreement with an iron ore mining lease holder without approval of the Executive Council.
- **34 Lease modification.** Amends § 93.20, subd. 38. Allows the DNR to modify an iron ore mining lease holder without approval of the Executive Council.
- **35 Mineral management account.** Amends § 93.2236. Requires the balance of the minerals management account that exceeds \$3,000,000, which is currently distributed to the permanent school fund and the permanent university fund in proportion to the total revenue received from mineral leases on those lands, to also be distributed to counties in proportion to the revenue from mining leases on tax-forfeited lands.
- **36** Lease requirements. Amends § 93.25, subd. 2. Removes a requirement that all petroleum, nonferrous metallic mineral, or other mineral (excluding iron ore) leases covering 160 or more acres be approved by the Executive Council. Requires an applicant for such leases to submit to the DNR a \$1,000 filing fee for leases offered at public sale and a fee of \$2,000 for a lease to be obtained through negotiation.
- **37 Rents.** Amends § 93.25, subd. 2a. Requires the commissioner of natural resources to establish a rental rate schedule for nonferrous and other mineral leases (excluding iron ore) and update the

schedule every five years and exempts the establishment of the schedule and any updates from the rulemaking process.

- **38 Commissioner's authority.** Amends § 97A.401, subd. 1. Allows the commissioner to issue general permits to governmental subdivisions or to the general public for certain activities related to wild animals, including the collection of specimens for zoological purposes and the taking and transportation of wild animals for certain purposes.
- **39** Suspension for failure to appear in court or pay a fine or surcharge. Amends § 97A.421, subd. 4a. Clarifies that the commissioner shall suspend game and fish license and permit privileges of a person who fails to appear in court or fails to comply with other court orders regarding a violation of the game and fish laws until the court has notified the commissioner that the person has appeared in court or paid any fine/surcharge due.
- **40 Certain aquatic life prohibited for bait.** Amends § 97C.341. Allows the importation or possession of live, frozen, or processed bait from waters known to have VHS if the bait has been processed to inactivate VHS according to DNR rules.
- **41** Water assessments and reports. Amends 103A.43. Reduces the frequency of a water quality and groundwater degradation trend assessment requirement of the PCA and Department of Agriculture from every two years to every five years.
- 42 Voting members. Amends § 103B.101, subd. 2. Modifies the membership of the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to allow the three citizen members to be employed by, appointed by, or elected officials of government by excluding those from state government only.
- **43 Hearings, orders, and rulemaking.** Amends § 103B.101, subd. 7. Allows BWSR to adopt "orders" necessary to execute its duties.
- **44 Bylaws and conflict of interest.** Adds § 103B.101, subd. 8a. Requires BWSR to adopt bylaws to prevent or address conflict of interest issues.
- **45 Committee for dispute resolution.** Adds § 103B.101, subd. 10. Allows a dispute resolution subcommittee of the BWSR to also address disputes under § 103B.101 (which prescribes the membership, operation, powers and duties of the board and would include the new local water management provisions established later on in this bill), removes provisions specifying the makeup of the committee, and requires the board to adopt bylaws governing the committee's membership and duties.
- **46 Local water management coordination.** Adds § 103B.101, subd. 14. Allows BWSR to adopt resolutions, policies, or orders to allow a comprehensive plan, local water management plan, or watershed management plan to serve as a substitute for one another or be replaced by a comprehensive watershed management plan (a new option proposed in this bill for areas outside of the metropolitan area not required to have a watershed management organization). Allows the board to also develop criteria for incorporating or coordinating elements of metropolitan county groundwater plans. Requires BWSR to use a watershed approach when adopting resolutions, policies, or orders and establish a watershed boundary framework for development, approval, adoption and coordination of plans.

Requires BWSR to work with local governments and other stakeholders and allows the board to establish a working group or work teams (similar to the Drainage Work Group) to develop information, education, and recommendations. Allows local governments to carry out total maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation plans as part of local water management plans.

47 Local water management boundary and plan determinations and appeals. Adds § 103B.101., subd. 15. Allows a local government unit to submit a request for a plan boundary determination as

part of a plan approval request or apply separately. Requires them to provide written documentation of the rationale and justification for the proposed boundary and allows BWSR to request additional information. Allows for the appeal of board decisions.

- **48** Water plan requirements. Amends § 103B.311, subd. 4. Eliminates BWSR's ability to provide a two year extension of the revision date of a local watershed management plan (a provision granting broader extension authority to the board is proposed in a later section).
- **49 Comprehensive watershed management plan.** Amends § 103B.3363. Defines "comprehensive watershed management plan" as a plan to manage the water and related natural resources of a watershed consisting of local plans currently required (county water plans, watershed management plans, and county groundwater plans) or a separate plan that has been approved as a substitute by BWSR and adopted by the local units of government. Requires comprehensive watershed management plans to be consistent with existing goals for watershed management and related areas.
- **50** Water plan extensions. Adds § 103B.3367. Allows BWSR to grant extensions of the revision date for comprehensive local water management plans and comprehensive watershed management plans.
- 51 Local water resources restoration, protection, and management program. Amends § 103B.3369. Removes existing tax and match requirements applicable to counties for purposes of base grants awarded by BWSR and allows the board to award performance-based grants to local units of government for implementation of watershed management plans, local watershed management plans, comprehensive plans, or comprehensive watershed management plans or for carrying out certain TMDL implementation plans. Requires the board to establish performance-based criteria. Allows the board to award the performance-based grants on an advanced basis and removes a provision that the grants be awarded for no longer than two years.
- 52 Application. Amends § 103B.355. Technical.
- **53 Requirements.** Amends § 103G.222, subd. 1. Removes a deed restriction requirement (applicable when wetlands are restored on cultivated lands) and instead requires that the lands not be converted to a nonagricultural use for at least ten years. Allows local units of government to require the deed restriction.
- **54 De minimis.** Amends § 103G.2241, subd. 9. Increases and modifies provisions regarding the amount of de minimis area of a project that does not require a wetland replacement plan in some circumstances and removes special requirements applicable in the metropolitan area.
- **55 Replacement completion.** Amends § 103G.2242, subd. 3. Allows BWSR to establish a wetland banking program for impacts that occur in greater than 80 percent areas and for public road projects. Requires coordination with the commissioners of natural resources, the Pollution Control Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- **56 Assumption of section 404 of federal Clean Water Act.** Allows BWSR to adopt rules to establish a program for regulating the discharge of fill material into the waters of the state that are necessary to gain approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer the permitting and wetland banking programs under section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Prohibits the rules from being more restrictive then the program under section 404 or state law. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires that a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers be obtained before discharging dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. The EPA provides regulatory oversight of the program.
- **57 Permit application.** Amends § 103G.245, subd. 3. Expands the activities the commissioner may issue general public waters work permits for.

- **58 Permit required.** Amends § 103G.271, subd. 1. Expands the activities for which the commissioner may issue general water appropriation and use permits.
- **59** Water supply plans; demand reduction. Amends § 103G.291, subd. 3. Eliminates a 2008 law that required a public water supplier to employ a conservation rate structure before requesting approval for construction of a new well or a water appropriation permit increase and instead requires the use of demand reduction measures. Requires the DNR and water suppliers to use a collaborative process to achieve demand reduction measures.
- **60 Demand reduction measures.** Amends § 103G.291, subd. 4. Establishes a definition of "demand reduction measures" for purposes of the previous and this section. Removes a requirement that public water suppliers serving more than 1,000 people adopt a conservation rate structure and instead requires implementation of demand reduction measures and extends the timeframe to comply by two years (the conservation rate structure requirement, passed in 2008, went into effect January 1, 2010, for water suppliers in the metropolitan area and is schedule to take effect January 1, 2013, for all remaining water suppliers).
- 61 Permit application and notification fees. Amends § 103G.301, subd. 2. Establishes a \$100 fee for general water appropriation and use permits.
- 62 Refund of fees prohibited. Amends § 103G.301, subd. 4. Technical.
- 63 State and federal agencies exempt from fee. Amends § 103G.301, subd. 5. Technical.
- **64 Town fees limited.** Amends § 103G.301, subd. 5a. Technical.
- **65 General permits.** Amends § 103G.611, subd. 6a. Allows the commissioner to issue a general permit to a governmental subdivision or the general public to operate an aeration system on public waters during periods of ice cover and establishes a \$100 fee.
- 66 Issuance; validity. Amends § 103G.615, subd. 1. Allows the commissioner to issue a general permit to a governmental subdivision or the general public for certain aquatic plant management activities, including the harvest, transportation, or destruction of certain aquatic plants. Allows general permits to be authorized for more than one growing season.
- **67 Fees.** Amends § 103G.615, subd. 2. Establishes a \$30 fee for aquatic plant management general permits authorized under the provisions established in the previous section until the commissioner establishes an alternative by rule.
- **68 Report.** Amends § 103H.175, subd. 3. Reduces the frequency of the draft report on groundwater monitoring prepared by the PCA, and submitted to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) from every two years to every five years.
- **69** Water quality standards no more restrictive than federal standards. Amends § 115.035. Prohibits the PCA from adopting new water quality standards that are more restrictive than federal standards unless there is a showing of clear and convincing evidence that another standard is necessary to protect the public use and benefit of state waters.
- 70 Citizen monitoring of water quality. Amends § 115.06, subd. 4. Requires preparation of the PCA's citizen's water quality monitoring report every four years (currently required every two years) and suspends the requirement until 2017.
- 71 Enforcement funding. Amends § 115.073. Credits money from fines and other enforcement actions issued by the PCA to the general fund effective the day following final enactment (current law credits the funds to the environmental fund).

- 72 Policy; long-range plan; purpose. Amends § 115.42. Eliminates the reporting water pollution control progress reporting requirement of the PCA.
- 73 Duties of the agency. Amends § 115A.1320, subd. 1. Consolidates a PCA reporting requirement on the implementation of electronic waste statutes into the toxic pollution prevent evaluation report.
- 74 **Report consolidation.** Amends § 115A.121. Requires the PCA to consolidate all the reports done under chapters 115A and 115D into a single report. to be due December 31, 2013, and every four years thereafter.
- **75 Duties of the agency.** Amends § 115A.1320, subd. 1. Modifies electronic waste reporting requirements.
- **Reports.** Amends § 115A.15, subd. 5. Eliminates a requirement of the PCA and Department of Commerce to provide recommendations for state government waste reduction.
- **Solid waste management policy; consolidated report.** Amends § 115A.411. Requires preparation of the PCA's report on solid waste management policy/activities every four years (currently required every two years) and suspends the requirement until 2015.
- **78 Supplementary recycling goals.** Amends § 115A.551, subd. 2a. Strikes language allowing the PCA to increase the percentage of solid waste recycled by a county:
 - by up to 3 percent if the county has enacted an approved solid waste reduction plan;
 - by up to an additional 3 percent for additional demonstrated waste reduction;
 - by up to 3 percent for a county having curbside yard waste collection or a drop-off site and an education program on how to manage yard waste ; and
 - by up to 2 percent for approved activities likely to reduce yard waste by increasing its onsite composting.
- **79 Interim monitoring.** Amends § 115A.551, subd. 4. Consolidates a PCA reporting requirement on county recycling progress into the report on solid waste management policy/activities.
- **80 Report.** Amends § 115A.557, subd. 4. Requires reporting on SCORE expenditures to be done in December rather than January.
- 81 Progress reports. Amends § 115D.08. Directs that annual progress reports on toxic pollution prevention plans are to be submitted to and reviewed by the commissioner of public safety, rather than the commissioner of the PCA.
- 82 Pollution report. Amends § 116.011. Changes the state pollution statistics report from annual to biennial.
- **83 Creation.** Amends § 116.02, subd. 1. Technical. Clarifies law establishing the PCA and the MPCA Citizen's Board.
- 84 Terms, compensation, removal, vacancies. Amends § 116.02, subd. 2. Technical.
- 85 Membership. Amends § 116.02, subd. 3. Technical.
- 86 Chair. Amends § 116.02, subd. 4. Technical.
- **87 Required decisions.** Amends § 116.02, subd. 6. Modifies the duties of the MPCA Board by removing its final decision making authority over certain permit, environmental assessment

worksheet (EAW), environmental impact statement (EIS), and variance situations. The board's remaining duties would include decisions on the final adoption and amendment of agency rules, and making other decisions and providing advice at the request of the commissioner.

- **88** Office. Amends § 116.03, subd. 1. Technical.
- **89 Permitting efficiency.** Amends § 116.03, subd. 2b. Requires the commissioner of the PCA to review permits issued by the agency and provide a list of those permits or permit amendments that are deemed "minor" and subject to a new 60-day review and approval provision. The provision would require the commissioner to act on a minor permit or minor permit amendment within 60 days or the permit would be deemed approved. Requires the list to be updated at least every five years and posted on the agency's website.
- **90** Solid waste. Amends § 116.06, subd. 22. Excludes concrete diamond grinding and saw slurry associated with the road construction deposited according to new standards established in section 98 of this bill.
- **91 Manure digester permits.** Adds § 116.07, subd. 7e. States that a manure digester and associated electrical generation equipment that converts methane to electricity or provides backup power for farm use located outside of the metropolitan area does not require an air emission permit.
- **92** New open air swine basins. Amends § 116.0714. Extends for five years, to 2017, the expiration date of a provision allowing an existing swine facility to use one basin of less than one million gallons as part of a permitted waste treatment program to reduce pollution or to convert an existing basin to a different animal type.
- **93 Policy; long-range plan; purpose.** Amends § 116.10. Removes the requirement that the PCA's long-range water quality plan be prepared biennially.
- **94 Quadrennial report.** Amends § 116C.833, subd. 2. Changes a biennial report prepared by the PCA on the activities of the Interstate Commission on Low-Level Nuclear Waste to a quadrennial report.
- **95** When prepared. Amends § 116D.04, subd. 2a. Allows a responsible government unit to publish notice of a completed environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) in a local paper or on a designated website in addition to the EQB Monitor as currently required. Allows state agencies to hold a consolidated hearing on projects that require permits from more than one agency.
- **96 Duplicative permit information; environmental assessment worksheets.** Adds § 116D.04, subd. 15. Prohibits the EQB from requiring environmental assessment worksheets from requiring information if it is also required for any permit process unless it is necessary.
- **97 Concrete diamond grinding and saw slurry.** Adds § 161.367. Requires the commissioner of transportation to include special provisions relating to concrete slurry as part of any road construction contract and specifies requirements for those provisions.
- **98** Key role of solar and biomass resources in producing thermal energy. Amends § 216C.055. Changes a reporting requirement of PCA and the Department of Commerce regarding the use of solar and biomass to produce thermal energy from annual to biennial.
- **99 Biennial report.** Amends § 216H.07, subd. 3. Adds to the biennial legislative report required of the commissioners of commerce and PCA regarding recommendations with respect to greenhouse gas reductions recommendations for proposed legislation to achieve reduction goals.
- **Policy plan; general requirements.** Amends § 473.149, subd. 1. Requires the commissioner of the PCA to revise the metropolitan long range policy plan for solid waste management by December 31, 2016, and every six years thereafter.

- **101 Report to legislature.** Amends § 473.149, subd. 6. Changes the date the assessment of the metropolitan solid waste abatement plan prepared by the PCA is due.
- **102 Reports to the legislature.** Amends § 473.846. Changes, from annual to biennial, PCA's requirement to report on the expenditures from the metro landfill abatement fund.
- **103** Surveyors working on state lands; bonds; insurance. Adds § 574.2631. Prohibits the commissioner of DNR from requiring insurance or bonds in excess of \$1,000,000 of surveyors working on DNR lands.
- **104** Land and Mineral Resources Management. Amends Laws 2007, ch. 57, art. 1,§ 4, subd. 2. Eliminates a requirement that the commissioner report to the legislature on the outcomes of the land records management system.
- **105 Renewable energy.** Amends Laws 2010, ch. 362, § 2, subd. 7. Amends a 2010 law appropriating funds to the DNR from the environment and natural resources trust fund by modifying the purpose to expanding the market opportunities for the use of "woody by-product material" for bioenergy, providing additional authority to transfer funds to other entities to complete the work, and allowing the DNR to sell the material provided the funds are reinvested into the purposes of the appropriation.
- **106 Enforcement.** Amends Laws 2011, First Special Session ch. 2, art. 1, § 4, subd. 7. Eliminates a requirement that the commissioner report to the legislature on the outcomes of an appropriation from last session for grants to organizations for ATV safety and environmental education, and trail monitoring on public lands.
- **107** Administration. Amends Laws 2011, First Special Session ch. 6, art. 3, § 8, subd. 3. Allows hunting, fishing, and trapping of protected species during the designated season, and the use of dogs for hunting at the La Salle Lake State Recreation Area.
- **108 Legislative report on state parks, recreation areas, trails, and state forest day use areas.** Requires the DNR to report to the legislature concerning the long-term funding, use, expansion, and administration of the state's parks, recreation areas, trails, and state forest day use areas by January 15, 2013.
- **109 Environment and natural resources trust fund; appropriation extensions.** Extends the availability of various appropriations from the environment and natural resources trust fund.
- **Environmental review report.** Requires the EQB to evaluate and make recommendations to the governor and legislature on how to improve environmental review, including an analysis of the mandatory EAW and EIS categories by November 15, 2012.
- **111 Beneficial use of wastewater; city of Elk River.** Requires a grant agreement between the PCA and the city of Elk River to be amended to allow the use of treated wastewater effluent to replace the use of surface water.
- **Rulemaking; industrial minerals and nonferrous mineral leases.** Allows the commissioner to use the good cause exemption to amend rules to comply with the changes to certain provisions regarding nonferrous and other mineral leases contained in the bill (filing fee and rental rates).
- **113 Rulemaking; notice of environmental assessment worksheet.** Allows the EQB to use the good cause exemption from rulemaking to amend rules to conform with the notice publication requirement for EAWs.
- **Repealer.** Repeals the following: § 84.946, subd. 3 (requiring reporting on natural resource asset preservation and replacement appropriations); § 86A.12, subd. 5 (requiring reporting on the natural resources capital improvement program); § 89.06 (1983 report on making the nursery and tree

improvement program self-supporting); § 90.042 (report and public meeting requirements regarding timber harvest plans); § 97A.4742, subd. 4 (requiring a report on the lifetime fish and wildlife trust fund); § 103G.705 (stream protection and improvement loan program); § 115.447 (report on new wastewater treatment systems requiring permits; effluent violations; conditions posing imminent public health threat); § 115A.07, subd. 2 (PCA's waste management activities and legislative recommendations); § 115.965, subd. 7 (PCA report on enforcement actions and exemptions regarding toxic packaging); 116.02, subds. 7 and 8 (no longer needed with the elimination and modification of the duties of the MPCA Board proposed in the bill); § 216H.07, subd. 4 (legislative recommendations to achieve greenhouse gas reductions); Laws 2011, ch. 107, sec. 105 (boat aquatic invasive species (AIS) rule decal transitional enforcement); various PCA rules (part 7002.0025, subp. 2a establishing fees for newly-permitted air facilities; part 7011.7030, adopting by reference the "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Generic Maximum Available Control Technology"; part 7021.0010, subp. 3: defining "offsets" for regulation of sulfur dioxide emissions under the acid deposition control program; part 7021.0050, subps. 1, 2, and 3: specifying acid deposition control requirements; and part 7041.0500, subps. 5, 6, and 7, expired provisions regarding sewage sludge management); § 86B.508 (boat AIS rule decal requirement); 86B.811, subd. 1a (boat AIS rule decal penalty).