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## Bill Summary

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Allows the city of Brainerd to purchase the Brainerd Dam on the Mississippi River in Crow Wing County, given that the requirements of statute have been met. Effective the day after enactment.

The statute requires legislative review and an opportunity to prohibit the purchase.

Minn. Stat. § 103G.525 provides:

“103G.525 LIMITATIONS ON TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP OF DAMS.

The state, a state department or agency, a county, municipality, town, or other governmental entity may not purchase or accept as a gift a privately owned dam subject to permit requirements until:

- (1) the commissioner has examined the dam;
- (2) the commissioner has prepared a report of the examination;
- (3) the report has been filed with the legislature; and
- (4) the legislature has had an opportunity to consider the report and has not prohibited the purchase or gift during the legislative session in which the report is filed or, if the report is filed when the legislature is not in session, the legislature has not prohibited the gift or purchase at the next session.”