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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill imposes new enrollment, eligibility, and verification requirements for land enrolled in the sustainable forest incentive program. The bill also requires two certifications under the section of Minnesota statutes providing for aquatic invasive species aid.

#### Section

##### **1 Eligibility requirements.**

- Requires registration of a forest management plan with the Department of Natural Resources.
- Prohibits land classified as 2c managed forest land from being enrolled.
- Requires that at least three acres be excluded from enrolled land if the land is improved with a structure that is not minor, ancillary, or nonresidential.
- Restricts eligibility for land not meeting the definition of forest land due to:
  - enrollment in the reinvest in Minnesota program
  - enrollment in state or federal conservation reserve or easement programs
  - the land being subject to the agricultural property tax
  - the land being subject to agricultural land preservation controls or the Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Act

**Section**

- 2**      **Verification of forest management plan.** Requires the commissioner of natural resources to verify to the commissioner of revenue upon request that a claimant has a forest management plan on file with the Department of Natural Resources.
- 3**      **Aquatic invasive species prevention aid; certification.** Requires the commissioner of natural resources to certify to revenue the number of watercraft launches and trailer parking spaces in each county.
- 4**      **Aquatic invasive species prevention aid; certification.** Requires the commissioner of natural resources to certify to the commissioner of revenue the counties complying with the requirements of section 477A.19, subd. 3 (guidelines for the use of proceeds), that are thus eligible to receive aid.
- 5**      **Repealer.** Repeals three provisions related to an obsolete calculation for payments under the sustainable forest incentive program.
- Repeals definition of “current use value” and “capitalization rate” in 290C.02 (definitions section).
  - Repeals a provision for the calculation of average estimated market value.