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### Overview

This bill modifies provisions governing wells and borings, including defining the term temporary boring, providing that notification to the commissioner is not required before constructing or sealing a temporary boring, exempting temporary borings from notice requirements during sales of property, and allowing a temporary boring to be constructed, repaired, or sealed by certain professionals.

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- 1 Boring. Amends § 103I.005, subd. 2. Amends the definition of boring in chapter 103I (which covers wells, borings, and underground uses), to specify it includes temporary borings.
- 2 **Temporary boring.** Amends § 103I.005, subd. 17a. Defines temporary boring for chapter 103I. This term will be used instead of temporary environmental well.
- **Notification required.** Amends § 103I.205, subd. 1. Provides that a person is not required to 3 notify the commissioner before constructing a temporary boring (instead of temporary environmental well as in current law).
- 4 **License required.** Amends § 103I.205, subd. 4. Allows a person who is a professional engineer, hydrologist or hydrogeologist, professional geoscientist, or geologist, or who meets qualifications in rule, to construct, repair, and seal a temporary boring.
- 5 Well notification fee. Amends § 103I.208, subd. 1. Makes an existing \$75 fee apply to the sealing of borings, and exempts temporary borings less than 25 feet in depth from the

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notification and fee requirements in chapter 103I. Changes a term used, from temporary environmental well to temporary boring.

- **Temporary boring and unsuccessful well exemption.** Amends § 103I.235, subd. 3. Exempts temporary borings that were sealed by a licensed contractor (rather than temporary environmental wells as in current law), from requirements to disclose to a buyer the location of wells on the property.
- Notification required. Amends § 103I.301, subd. 6. Prohibits a person from sealing a boring until a notification is filed with the commissioner, except that temporary borings less than 25 feet in depth are exempt from this notification requirement.