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This bill would prohibit the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from enforcing certain permit conditions placed in groundwater appropriation permits as a result of a court order regarding the lake levels of White Bear Lake until an unspecified date. The order required the DNR to review and amend groundwater appropriation permits within a five-mile radius of White Bear Lake to address lake levels, including requiring the permits to: enact residential irrigation bans when the lake level falls below a certain amount; have plans to phase down per capita water use; and require submission of a contingency plan for the use of surface water.