

Subject Wells and borings
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Overview

This bill modifies provisions governing wells and borings in chapter 103I.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Boring.</p> <p>Amends § 103I.005, subd. 2. Amends the definition of “boring” in chapter 103I (which covers wells, borings, and underground uses) to specify that it includes temporary borings.</p>
2	<p>Environmental well.</p> <p>Amends § 103I.005, subd. 8a. Amends the definition of “environmental well,” by clarifying that it does not include an exploratory boring.</p>
3	<p>Temporary boring.</p> <p>Amends § 103I.005, subd. 17a. Defines “temporary boring” for chapter 103I. This term replaces the term “temporary environmental well” in this chapter.</p>
4	<p>Notification required.</p> <p>Amends § 103I.205, subd. 1. Provides that a person is not required to notify the commissioner before constructing a temporary boring (instead of temporary environmental well as in current law).</p>
5	<p>License required.</p> <p>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 (in addition to an environmental well as in current law). Removes language authorizing a licensed plumber who does not have a well or boring contractor’s license under chapter 103I to repair submersible pumps or water pipes connected to water well water systems if the repair location is in an area with no licensed well contractors within 50 miles.</p>

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6	<p>Report of work.</p> <p>Amends § 103I.205, subd. 9. Modifies the deadline for submitting a report to the commissioner of health related to well or boring construction or sealing to within 60 days, rather than 30 days, of completing the work.</p>
7	<p>Well notification fee.</p> <p>Amends § 103I.208, subd. 1. Makes an existing \$75 fee apply to the sealing of temporary borings, and exempts temporary borings less than 25 feet in depth from the notification and fee requirements in chapter 103I. Changes a term used, from “temporary environmental well” to “temporary boring.”</p>
8	<p>Temporary boring and unsuccessful well exemption.</p> <p>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.</p>
9	<p>Temporary boring.</p> <p>Adds subd. 3a to § 103I.301. Requires the owner of a property with a temporary boring to have the temporary boring sealed within 72 hours of the start of construction of the temporary boring, and specifies who is authorized to seal the temporary boring.</p>
10	<p>Notification required.</p> <p>Amends § 103I.301, subd. 6. Prohibits a person from sealing a temporary 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.</p>
11	<p>Notification and map of borings.</p> <p>Amends § 103I.601, subd. 4. Provides that one site fee of \$275 must be submitted for all exploratory borings marked on the proposed boring map submitted to the commissioner of health, not \$275 per exploratory boring. Also specifies the paper size for the map of proposed borings to be submitted to the commissioner.</p>



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