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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for removal and
1.3 replacement of diseased shade trees; authorizing the sale and issuance of state
1.4 bonds.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of
1.8 natural resources for grants to municipalities and park and recreation boards in cities of
1.9 the first class for the identification, removal, disposal, and replacement of dead or dying
1.10 shade trees lost to forest pests or disease. For purposes of this section, "shade tree" means
1.11 a woody perennial grown primarily for aesthetic or environmental purposes with minimal
1.12 to residual timber value. The commissioner shall consult with municipalities, park and
1.13 recreation boards in cities of the first class, nonprofit organizations, and other interested
1.14 parties in developing eligibility criteria.

1.15 Sec. 2. **BOND SALE.**

1.16 To provide the money appropriated in this act from the bond proceeds fund, the
1.17 commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to
1.18 \$3,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota
1.19 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
1.20 sections 4 to 7.

1.21 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.22 This act is effective the day following final enactment.