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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying definitions related to native prairie  
1.3 restorations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 84.02,  
1.4 subdivisions 2, 7.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 84.02, subdivision 2, is  
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Best management practice for native prairie restoration.** "Best  
1.9 management practice for native prairie restoration" means using seeds collected from a  
1.10 native prairie within the same ~~county or~~ ecotype region or within 25 miles of the ~~county's~~  
1.11 ~~border, but not across the boundary of an ecotype region~~ ecotype region boundary.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 84.02, subdivision 7, is amended  
1.13 to read:

1.14 Subd. 7. **Restored native prairie.** "Restored native prairie" means a restoration  
1.15 using at least 25 representative and biologically diverse native prairie plant species of a  
1.16 local ecotype originating in the same ~~county~~ ecotype region as the restoration site or within  
1.17 25 miles of the ~~county's border, but not across the boundary of an~~ ecotype region boundary.