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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; allowing the expiration of a metropolitan agricultural
1.3 preserve under certain conditions.

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

1.5 Section 1. **METROPOLITAN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE; EXPIRATION**
1.6 **UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

1.7 Notwithstanding the eight-year requirement in Minnesota Statutes, section 473H.08,
1.8 subdivision 2, the authority with jurisdiction over the land may allow the expiration of
1.9 an agricultural preserve, established under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473H, at least six
1.10 years after notification, if:

- 1.11 (1) the landowner requested the expiration on February 27, 2001; and
1.12 (2) the landowner agrees to covenanting at least 25 percent of the land to agricultural
1.13 use, including aquaculture, for at least ten years after expiration. This restrictive covenant
1.14 is binding on the owner or the owner's successor or assignee, and runs with the land.