

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to appropriations; providing for a water quality and lake restoration grant
1.3 program; appropriating money; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **LAKE RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.6 The commissioner of natural resources in conjunction with the commissioner of the
1.7 Pollution Control Agency shall award grants to local units of government to meet the
1.8 goals of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 114D. The grants shall be awarded to local units of
1.9 government with jurisdiction over a lake with an area of 80 to 200 acres, with a depth
1.10 of greater than 12 feet, and that is listed as impaired because of excessive nutrients. The
1.11 grants shall be equally distributed between the seven-county metropolitan area and areas
1.12 outside the seven-county metropolitan area. The commissioner of natural resources, in
1.13 conjunction with the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, shall:

1.14 (1) work with local soil and water conservation district offices, lake improvement
1.15 districts, and other local government units with authority over impaired bodies of water to
1.16 identify lakes that have historical water quality data available and can be shown to have
1.17 been thoroughly successful in reduction of point and nonpoint pollution sources within the
1.18 respective lake watersheds; and

1.19 (2) utilize the methodology and techniques demonstrated in Laws 2005, First Special
1.20 Session chapter 1, article 2, section 11, subdivision 7, paragraph (p), on the lake restoration
1.21 and award grants based on physical and chemical morphology in each identified lake.
1.22 High resolution lake, water current, and watershed maps and a detailed biological and
1.23 chemical survey must be completed a year before the start of any lake restoration project.

2.1 Sec. 2. **REPORT.**

2.2 The commissioner of natural resources must report to the legislative committees
2.3 with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources finance by February 1, 2011, on
2.4 the lakes and local government units participating in the lake restoration grant program
2.5 and the results and expectations to restore and improve the lakes.

2.6 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.7 \$3,500,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the
2.8 commissioner of natural resources for a lake restoration grant program that issues grants
2.9 to soil and water conservation district offices, lake improvement districts, and other local
2.10 units of government according to section 1. The funds shall be matched one to one by
2.11 local sources.