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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 the environment; providing zero discharge requirements for
1.3 wastewater treatment grants and loans to municipalities; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2006, sections 446A.02, by adding a subdivision; 446A.07, by adding
1.5 a subdivision; 446A.072, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 446A.02, is amended by adding a
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 7. **Zero discharge facility.** "Zero discharge facility" means a wastewater
1.10 treatment plant that either discharges treated effluent to an aquifer or reuses all effluent
1.11 for other purposes.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 446A.07, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.13 to read:

1.14 Subd. 12. **Zero discharge treatment requirements.** (a) After August 1, 2007, all
1.15 loans for new wastewater treatment plants must be for zero discharge facilities.

1.16 (b) After July 1, 2009, all requests for wastewater treatment loans must include a
1.17 plan for the elimination of direct discharge and a plan for wastewater reuse.

1.18 (c) After July 1, 2014, all projects receiving wastewater treatment loans must be for
1.19 zero discharge facilities.

1.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 446A.072, is amended by adding a
1.21 subdivision to read:

2.1 Subd. 15. **Zero discharge treatment requirements.** (a) After August 1, 2007, all
2.2 new wastewater treatment plants receiving grants or loans under this section must be
2.3 zero discharge facilities.

2.4 (b) After July 1, 2009, all requests for grants or loans under this section must include
2.5 a plan for the elimination of direct discharge and a plan for wastewater reuse.

2.6 (c) After July 1, 2014, all projects receiving grants or loans under this section must
2.7 be for zero discharge facilities.