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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 environment; prohibiting glass containers on public beaches and
1.3 watercraft; requiring proper disposal of waste carried on waters of the state;
1.4 providing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.5 chapter 86B.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[86B.312] GLASS PROHIBITION AND WASTE DISPOSAL;**
1.8 **BEACHES AND PUBLIC WATERS.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Glass prohibited.** A person may not carry, possess, or use a glass
1.10 container on a public beach or aboard an inner tube, kayak, canoe, or other watercraft on
1.11 the waters of the state, except under one of the following conditions:

1.12 (1) the watercraft has been issued a valid operating permit to carry passengers for
1.13 hire by the commissioner of labor and industry;

1.14 (2) the glass container contains a medicinal substance that is part of a first-aid kit or
1.15 that is prescribed by a licensed physician; or

1.16 (3) a person is removing a glass container previously discarded by others and found
1.17 in the waters of the state.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Proper waste disposal required.** A person who is using an inner tube or
1.19 operating a kayak, canoe, or other watercraft and who is transporting food or beverages
1.20 must transport all refuse and waste to a place where it can be disposed of safely and
1.21 lawfully.

1.22 Subd. 3. **Violations.** A violation of subdivision 1 or 2 is a misdemeanor and
1.23 is punishable by a civil penalty not exceeding \$20. Each violation may be treated as
1.24 a separate offense.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.