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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 restrictions on access to public waters
1.3 wetlands; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103G.235.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103G.235, is amended to read:

1.6 **103G.235 RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO PUBLIC WATERS WETLANDS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Wetlands adjacent to roads. To protect the public health or safety,
1.8 local units of government may by ordinance restrict public access to public waters
1.9 wetlands from municipality, county, or township roads that abut public waters wetlands.

1.10 Subd. 2. Privately restored wetlands. When a landowner restores a public waters
1.11 wetland on private land that is adjacent to public land or a public road right-of-way,
1.12 there is no public access to the public waters wetland, except if the landowner grants
1.13 permission for such access.