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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; providing for forest pest control measures;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 89.55.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 89.55, is amended to read:

1.6 **89.55 INFESTATION CONTROL, COSTS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Control measures; generally. Upon the establishment of the zone
1.8 of infestation, the commissioner may apply measures of infestation control on public
1.9 and private forest and other lands within such zone and to any trees, timber, plants ~~or,~~
1.10 shrubs ~~thereon,~~ or contaminated soil harboring or which may harbor the forest pests. For
1.11 this purpose, the duly authorized representatives of the commissioner are authorized to
1.12 enter upon any lands, public or private within such zone. The commissioner may enter
1.13 into agreements with owners of the lands in the zone covering the control work on their
1.14 lands, and fixing the pro rata basis on which the cost of such work will be shared between
1.15 the commissioner and said owner.

1.16 Subd. 2. Control measures; firewood. (a) A person may not possess firewood on
1.17 land administered by the commissioner of natural resources unless the firewood has been
1.18 approved by the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner of agriculture.

1.19 (b) The commissioner of natural resources shall, by written order published in the
1.20 State Register, define firewood that is approved for possession on lands administered by
1.21 the commissioner. The definition is not subject to the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14
1.22 and section 14.386 does not apply.

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