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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; adding an element to the commissioner of the Pollution  
1.3 Control Agency's public education program; directing the governor to designate  
1.4 Minnesota Cleanup Day; setting minimum criminal penalties for littering;  
1.5 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 115A.072, subdivision 4; 609.68;  
1.6 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 115A.072, subdivision 4, is amended to  
1.9 read:

1.10 Subd. 4. **Education, promotion, and procurement.** The commissioner shall  
1.11 include: (1) waste reduction and reuse, including packaging reduction and reuse; ~~and~~ (2)  
1.12 anti-littering; and (3) the hazards of open burning, as defined in section 88.01, of mixed  
1.13 municipal solid waste, especially the hazards of dioxin emissions to children, as elements  
1.14 of the commissioner's program of public education on waste management required under  
1.15 this section. The waste reduction and reuse education program must include dissemination  
1.16 of information and may include an award program for model waste reduction and reuse  
1.17 efforts. Waste reduction and reuse educational efforts must also include provision of  
1.18 information about and promotion of the model procurement program developed by the  
1.19 commissioner of administration under section 115A.15, subdivision 7, or any other model  
1.20 procurement program that results in significant waste reduction and reuse.

1.21 Sec. 2. [115A.992] MINNESOTA CLEANUP DAY DESIGNATION.

1.22 The governor shall designate one day each year as Minnesota Cleanup Day and shall  
1.23 encourage political subdivisions, civic organizations, nonprofit organizations, schools,  
1.24 and private businesses to organize voluntary activities on that day to remove and lawfully

2.1 dispose of litter that has been deposited on the public and private lands and waters of  
2.2 the state.

2.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.68, is amended to read:

2.4 **609.68 UNLAWFUL DEPOSIT OF GARBAGE, LITTER, OR LIKE.**

2.5 Whoever unlawfully deposits garbage, rubbish, cigarette filters, debris from  
2.6 fireworks, offal, or the body of a dead animal, or other litter in or upon any public highway,  
2.7 public waters or the ice thereon, shoreland areas adjacent to rivers or streams as defined by  
2.8 section 103F.205, public lands, or, without the consent of the owner, private lands or water  
2.9 or ice thereon, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall pay a fine of no less than \$200.

2.10 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.11 Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.