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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health and the environment; establishing a Health Risk Advisory
1.3 Council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103H.201, by adding a
1.4 subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103H.201, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 3a. **Health Risk Advisory Council.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a
1.9 Health Risk Advisory Council to provide advice to the commissioner on the following:

- 1.10 (1) the status of adopted health risk limits;
- 1.11 (2) proposed health risk limits being considered for adoption or development;
- 1.12 (3) proposed scientific research activities associated with establishment of health
1.13 risk limits; and

1.14 (4) other subjects deemed appropriate by the council or the commissioner.

1.15 The council may convene forums, seminars, or other meetings to discuss
1.16 toxicological information on emerging environmental contaminants.

1.17 (b) The council will meet at least once annually or at the call of its chair, or upon
1.18 request of any four members. The terms, compensation, and removal of members of the
1.19 council shall be as provided in section 15.059, except that the council shall not expire
1.20 before June 30, 2010.

1.21 (c) The commissioner of health shall be an ex officio member and shall serve
1.22 as secretary of the council. The council shall elect a chair from its members or their
1.23 designees, by a concurring vote of not less than four members. The council shall be
1.24 comprised of:

- 2.1 (1) the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture;
- 2.2 (2) the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency;
- 2.3 (3) a representative from a Minnesota-based industry involved in manufacturing
- 2.4 of chemical compounds;
- 2.5 (4) the dean of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health;
- 2.6 (5) a representative from one Minnesota-based nongovernmental organization
- 2.7 primarily engaged in environmental management or related interests;
- 2.8 (6) the environmental health chair of the Minnesota Medical Association;
- 2.9 (7) a director of a local government environmental health program; and
- 2.10 (8) a representative from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- 2.11 (d) The commissioner shall establish a procedure and criteria for nomination and
- 2.12 selection of the council members that are not agency commissioners.