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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring a health risk level standard for exposure to arsenic;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[144.966] ARSENIC HEALTH RISK STANDARD.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Arsenic health risk standard established.** The commissioner of
1.7 health in cooperation with the commissioners of agriculture and the Pollution Control
1.8 Agency responsible for monitoring land and water cleanup and soil contamination
1.9 information shall determine a health risk standard for human exposure to arsenic. The
1.10 commissioner of health shall ensure that the established arsenic health risk standard is
1.11 included in all information provided to the public.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Information.** The commissioner of health, in consultation with the
1.13 commissioners of agriculture and the Pollution Control Agency with jurisdiction over
1.14 soil and water contamination, shall establish a central information source available to
1.15 the public to provide accurate information on arsenic soil and water contamination in
1.16 residential areas.

1.17 Subd. 3. **Testing for arsenic.** (a) The commissioner of health shall ensure access
1.18 to medical testing for arsenical pesticide exposure to persons living within one mile of
1.19 the CMC Heartland Lite Yard Superfund site who are not covered by health insurance or
1.20 medical assistance.

1.21 (b) Through an agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency,
1.22 the commissioner shall ensure soil testing is available to households within one mile of the
1.23 CMC Heartland Lite Yard Superfund site at no cost to the residents.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Evaluation.** The commissioner of health shall evaluate the cumulative
2.2 health impact burdens of environmental toxins in the residential communities impacted by
2.3 arsenic-contaminated soil from the CMC Heartland Lite Yard Superfund site. The first
2.4 priority shall be to evaluate health burdens to those communities experiencing health
2.5 disparities as documented by the Minority and Multicultural Health Division of the
2.6 Minnesota Department of Health.

2.7 **Sec. 2. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE FOR ARSENIC TESTING.**

2.8 The commissioner of human services shall ensure that testing for arsenic under
2.9 section 1, subdivision 3, is covered under medical assistance.