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The bill was read for the first time and Interim introduction, referred to Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; requiring the Department of Health to test private well water;  
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 144.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[144.3795] PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Testing water samples.** Private well owners, renters, or occupiers  
1.8 of property served by a private well may submit a sample of their well water to the  
1.9 Department of Health for testing. The commissioner must test private well water samples  
1.10 for the presence of agricultural chemicals, as defined in section 103H.005, subdivision 2,  
1.11 and the ten most commonly detected contaminants.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Fees.** The commissioner may charge private well owners a fee of \$..... per  
1.13 sample to cover the costs of testing. Well owners or renters of property served by a private  
1.14 well who certify that their gross household income is less than 100 percent of the federal  
1.15 poverty level may not be charged for the sample. Revenue from fees collected under this  
1.16 subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner to administer this section.

1.17 Subd. 3. **Private data.** Test results collected under this section are classified as  
1.18 private data on the individual well owner under section 13.02, subdivision 12. Upon  
1.19 completion of testing, the water samples shall be destroyed.