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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 natural resources; waiving the supplemental application fee for  
1.3 utility crossings of public lands and waters under certain conditions; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 84.415, subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 84.415, subdivision 6, is  
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 6. **Supplemental application fee and monitoring fee.** (a) In addition to the  
1.9 application fee and utility crossing fees specified in Minnesota Rules, the commissioner of  
1.10 natural resources shall assess the applicant for a utility license the following fees:

1.11 (1) a supplemental application fee of \$1,500 for a public water crossing license and  
1.12 a supplemental application fee of \$4,500 for a public lands crossing license, to cover  
1.13 reasonable costs for reviewing the application and preparing the license; and

1.14 (2) a monitoring fee to cover the projected reasonable costs for monitoring the  
1.15 construction of the utility line and preparing special terms and conditions of the license  
1.16 to ensure proper construction. The commissioner must give the applicant an estimate of  
1.17 the monitoring fee before the applicant submits the fee.

1.18 (b) The applicant shall pay fees under this subdivision to the commissioner of  
1.19 natural resources. The commissioner shall not issue the license until the applicant has  
1.20 paid all fees in full.

1.21 (c) Upon completion of construction of the improvement for which the license  
1.22 or permit was issued, the commissioner shall refund the unobligated balance from the  
1.23 monitoring fee revenue. The commissioner shall not return the application fees, even  
1.24 if the application is withdrawn or denied.

- 2.1            (d) The commissioner shall waive the supplemental application fee for utility
- 2.2            crossings of public lands or public waters when the utility crossing is on an existing
- 2.3            right-of-way of a public road.