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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; providing additional time for compliance with buffer law
1.3 requirements; amending Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 4,
1.4 section 146, as amended.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 4, section 146, as amended
1.7 by Laws 2017, chapter 93, article 2, section 150, is amended to read:

1.8 Sec. 146. **INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION; WAIVERS.**

1.9 A soil and water conservation district must grant a conditional compliance waiver under
1.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.48, to landowners or authorized agents who have applied
1.11 for and maintained eligibility for financial or technical assistance within one year of the
1.12 dates listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.48, subdivision 3, paragraph (e), according
1.13 to Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.48. A conditional compliance waiver also must be
1.14 granted to landowners who are subject to a drainage proceeding commenced under Minnesota
1.15 Statutes, sections 103E.011, subdivision 5; 103E.021, subdivision 6; and 103E.715. The
1.16 conditional compliance waiver is valid until financial or technical assistance is available
1.17 for buffer or alternative practices installation, but not later than November 1, 2018. A
1.18 landowner or authorized agent that has filed a parcel-specific riparian protection compliance
1.19 plan with the soil and water conservation district by November 1, 2017, shall be granted a
1.20 conditional compliance waiver until July 1, ~~2018~~ 2019.