

This Document can be made available
in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 79

01/12/2015 Authored by Nornes and Lillie

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; modifying state permit requirements for certain
1.3 campgrounds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 115.55, subdivision 3.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 115.55, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 3. **Rules.** (a) The agency shall adopt rules containing minimum standards and
1.7 criteria for the design, location, installation, use, maintenance, and closure of subsurface
1.8 sewage treatment systems. The rules must include:

1.9 (1) how the agency will ensure compliance under subdivision 2;

1.10 (2) how local units of government shall enforce ordinances under subdivision 2,
1.11 including requirements for permits and inspection programs;

1.12 (3) how the advisory committee will participate in review and implementation of
1.13 the rules;

1.14 (4) provisions for nonstandard systems and performance-based systems;

1.15 (5) provisions for handling and disposal of effluent;

1.16 (6) provisions for system abandonment; and

1.17 (7) procedures for variances, including the consideration of variances based on cost
1.18 and variances that take into account proximity of a system to other systems.

1.19 (b) The agency shall consult with the advisory committee before adopting rules
1.20 under this subdivision.

1.21 (c) The rules required in paragraph (a) must also address the following:

1.22 (1) a definition of redoximorphic features and other criteria that can be used by
1.23 system designers and inspectors;

2.1 (2) direction on the interpretation of observed soil features that may be
2.2 redoximorphic and their relation to zones of periodic saturation; and

2.3 (3) procedures on how to resolve professional disagreements on periodically
2.4 saturated soils.

2.5 (d) A state disposal system permit is not required for an existing subsurface sewage
2.6 treatment facility at a seasonal campground that is open for 180 days or less each year,
2.7 unless the average maximum seven-day measured flow for the subsurface sewage
2.8 treatment facility at the campground is greater than 10,000 gallons per day.