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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **411**

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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 natural resources; establishing a pollinator-friendly neighborhood
1.3 program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 84.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[84.974] POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with local units of
1.8 government, shall develop model criteria that may be used by local units of government
1.9 for designating pollinator-friendly neighborhoods, which may be as small as a city block.

1.10 In developing the criteria, the commissioner must consider:

1.11 (1) the percentage of properties within a neighborhood refraining from using
1.12 pesticides or pesticide-containing products known to negatively impact pollinators; and

1.13 (2) the percentage of properties within a neighborhood providing pollinator habitat.

1.14 (b) The commissioner shall develop signs that may be erected in neighborhoods
1.15 designated by local units of government as pollinator friendly under this section. The
1.16 commissioner shall provide the signs to local units of government upon request.

1.17 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.18 \$..... in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the fund to the commissioner of
1.19 natural resources to develop and provide signs for the pollinator-friendly neighborhood
1.20 program under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.974.