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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; requiring legislative approval of certain water quality
1.3 standards and rules; suspending certain water quality standards and rules; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 115.03, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 115.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 12. **Legislative approval.** (a) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency
1.9 must submit a water quality standard or other water quality rule change developed under
1.10 this chapter or chapter 116 to the legislature for approval if the standard or rule change is
1.11 estimated to have a financial impact to:

1.12 (1) affected permittees of \$50,000,000 or more, in total, within the first five years of
1.13 implementation; or

1.14 (2) a single affected permittee of \$5,000,000 or more within the first five years of
1.15 implementation.

1.16 (b) The standard or rule change submitted under paragraph (a) must be approved by the
1.17 legislature before implementation.

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.19 Sec. 2. **SUSPENSION OF WATER QUALITY RULES.**

1.20 Until the cost analysis of water quality standards is submitted to the legislature as required
1.21 under Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 4, section 135, any water quality

2.1 standard or other water quality rule change adopted on July 2, 2014, requiring a local unit
2.2 of government to upgrade or update its wastewater treatment facility or to construct a new
2.3 wastewater treatment facility is suspended and the rules as they were before adoption of
2.4 any amendments remain in effect.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.