

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE **S.F. No. 673**

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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to natural resources; creating an adopt-a-WMA program; proposing
 1.3 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97A.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[97A.134] ADOPT-A-WMA PROGRAM.**

1.6 **Subdivision 1. Creation.** The Minnesota adopt-a-WMA (wildlife management area)
 1.7 program is established. The commissioner shall coordinate the program through the
 1.8 regional offices of the Department of Natural Resources.

1.9 **Subd. 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the program is to encourage sporting, outdoor,
 1.10 business, and civic groups or individuals to assist, on a volunteer basis, in improving and
 1.11 maintaining wildlife management areas.

1.12 **Subd. 3. Agreements.** (a) The commissioner shall enter into informal agreements
 1.13 with sporting, outdoor, business, and civic groups or individuals for volunteer services to
 1.14 maintain and make improvements to real property on state wildlife management areas in
 1.15 accordance with plans devised by the commissioner after consultation with the groups
 1.16 or individuals.

1.17 **(b) The commissioner may erect appropriate signs to recognize and express**
 1.18 **appreciation to groups and individuals providing volunteer services under the**
 1.19 **adopt-a-WMA program.**

1.20 **(c) The commissioner may provide assistance to enhance the comfort and safety of**
 1.21 **volunteers and to facilitate the implementation and administration of the adopt-a-WMA**
 1.22 **program.**