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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; requiring public hearing every five years for nonexpiring
1.3 air emission permits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116.07, by adding
1.4 a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116.07, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 41. Nonexpiring permits; public hearing. For each facility issued a nonexpiring
1.9 air emission permit by the agency, the agency must hold a separate public hearing at regular
1.10 intervals to allow the public to make comments or inquiries regarding any aspect of the
1.11 permit, including but not limited to permit conditions, testing results, the facility's operations,
1.12 and permit compliance. The public hearing must be held at a location convenient to the
1.13 permitted facility. Persons employed at the facility who are responsible for the facility
1.14 meeting the conditions of the permit and agency officials must be present at the public
1.15 hearing. For nonexpiring air emission permits issued after December 31, 2016, a public
1.16 hearing must be held under this subdivision no later than five years after the permit is issued
1.17 and every five years thereafter. For nonexpiring air emission permits issued on or before
1.18 December 31, 2016, a public hearing must be held under this subdivision no later than
1.19 December 1, 2022, and every five years thereafter.

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