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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring competitive bids for providing certain online
- 1.3 courses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.015, subdivision 4.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.015, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 4. **Student fee.** To defray the expense of the course, the Enforcement Division
- 1.7 shall collect a fee from each person that takes the firearm safety course. The commissioner
- 1.8 shall establish a fee that neither significantly overrecovers nor underrecovers costs, including
- 1.9 overhead costs, involved in providing the services. The fee is not subject to the rulemaking
- 1.10 provisions of chapter 14 and section 14.386 does not apply. The fees shall be deposited in
- 1.11 the game and fish fund and the amount thereof is appropriated annually to the Enforcement
- 1.12 Division of the Department of Natural Resources for the administration of the program. In
- 1.13 addition to the fee established by the commissioner, instructors may charge each person up
- 1.14 to the established fee amount for class materials and expenses. For any online hunter
- 1.15 education and safety course offered by the commissioner, the commissioner must:
- 1.16 (1) seek competitive bids to provide the course and retain the lowest responsible bidder;
- 1.17 or
- 1.18 (2) provide the public with multiple open-source vendors that provide an acceptable
- 1.19 training course.
- 1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.