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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; requiring reimbursement of certain persons who control or  
1.3 eradicate noxious weeds on a trunk highway right-of-way; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2016, section 18.78, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 18.78, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** A person owning land, a person occupying land, or a person  
1.8 responsible for the maintenance of public land shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds  
1.9 on the land at a time and in a manner ordered by an inspector or county-designated employee.  
1.10 Notwithstanding section 3.736, subdivision 3, if the commissioner of transportation fails  
1.11 to control or eradicate noxious weeds on a trunk highway right-of-way as provided in a  
1.12 general weed notice published under section 18.83 or otherwise ordered by an inspector or  
1.13 county-designated employee, the commissioner of transportation must fully reimburse the  
1.14 owner or occupant of land adjacent to the right-of-way for the owner or occupant's  
1.15 documented costs to control or eradicate noxious weeds on the right-of-way.