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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; modifying goals to be considered when reviewing  
1.3 public waters work permits for structures in public waters; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2018, section 103G.245, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota  
1.5 Rules, part 6115.0210, subpart 1.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103G.245, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 4a. Structures in public waters. It is the goal of this section to carefully review  
1.10 the occupation of public waters by offshore navigational facilities, retaining walls, and other  
1.11 structures in order to:

1.12 (1) preserve the natural character of public waters and their shorelands;

1.13 (2) provide a balance between protecting public waters and using and enjoying public  
1.14 waters both from on the water and from onshore; and

1.15 (3) encourage removing existing structures that do not serve the public interest from the  
1.16 beds of public waters at the earliest practicable date.

1.17 Sec. 2. REPEALER.

1.18 Minnesota Rules, part 6115.0210, subpart 1, is repealed.

**6115.0210 STRUCTURES IN PUBLIC WATERS.**

Subpart 1. **Goals.** It is the goal of the department to limit the occupation of public waters by offshore navigational facilities, retaining walls, and other structures in order to:

- A. preserve the natural character of public waters and their shorelands;
- B. provide a balance between the protection and utilization of public waters; and
- C. encourage the removal of existing structures which do not serve the public interest from the beds of public waters at the earliest practicable date.