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NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; increasing certain penalties related to aquatic invasive  
1.3 species; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 84D.13, subdivision 5.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 84D.13, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 5. **Civil penalties.** (a) A civil citation issued under this section must impose the  
1.7 following penalty amounts:

1.8 (1) for transporting aquatic macrophytes in violation of section 84D.09, ~~\$100~~ \$250;

1.9 (2) for placing or attempting to place into waters of the state water-related equipment  
1.10 that has aquatic macrophytes attached, ~~\$200~~ \$250;

1.11 (3) for unlawfully possessing or transporting a prohibited invasive species other than an  
1.12 aquatic macrophyte, ~~\$500~~ \$1,000;

1.13 (4) for placing or attempting to place into waters of the state water-related equipment  
1.14 that has prohibited invasive species attached when the waters are not listed by the  
1.15 commissioner as being infested with that invasive species, \$500;

1.16 (5) for intentionally damaging, moving, removing, or sinking a buoy marking, as  
1.17 prescribed by rule, Eurasian watermilfoil, \$100;

1.18 (6) for failing to have drain plugs or similar devices removed or opened while transporting  
1.19 water-related equipment or for failing to remove plugs, open valves, and drain water from  
1.20 water-related equipment, other than marine sanitary systems, before leaving waters of the  
1.21 state, ~~\$100~~ \$250;

2.1 (7) for transporting infested water off riparian property without a permit as required by  
2.2 rule, ~~\$200~~ \$250;

2.3 (8) for failing to have aquatic invasive species affirmation displayed or available for  
2.4 inspection as provided in sections 86B.401 and 97C.301, subdivision 2a, \$25;

2.5 (9) for failing to comply with a decontamination order when a decontamination unit is  
2.6 available on site, \$250;

2.7 (10) for failing to complete decontamination of water-related equipment or to remove  
2.8 invasive species from water-related equipment by the date specified on a tagging notice and  
2.9 order, \$250; and

2.10 (11) for failing to complete the aquatic invasive species offender training course required  
2.11 under section 86B.13, \$25.

2.12 (b) A civil citation that is issued to a person who has one or more prior convictions or  
2.13 final orders for violations of this chapter is subject to twice the penalty amounts listed in  
2.14 paragraph (a).