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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; clarifying certain rulemaking authority; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 103F.211, subdivision 1; 103G.315, subdivision
1.4 15.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 103F.211, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Adoption.** The commissioner shall adopt model standards and criteria
1.8 for the subdivision, use, and development of shoreland in municipalities and areas outside
1.9 of a municipality. The authority to adopt model standards and criteria is exempt from section
1.10 14.125 and does not expire. The standards and criteria must include:

- 1.11 (1) the area of a lot and length of water frontage suitable for a building site;
- 1.12 (2) the placement of structures in relation to shorelines and roads;
- 1.13 (3) the placement and construction of sanitary and waste disposal facilities;
- 1.14 (4) designation of types of land uses;
- 1.15 (5) changes in bottom contours of adjacent public waters;
- 1.16 (6) preservation of natural shorelands through the restriction of land uses;
- 1.17 (7) variances from the minimum standards and criteria; and
- 1.18 (8) for areas outside of a municipality only, a model ordinance.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 103G.315, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 15. **Rules.** The commissioner shall adopt rules prescribing standards and criteria
2.3 for issuing and denying water-use permits and public-waters-work permits. The authority
2.4 to adopt the rules is exempt from section 14.125 and does not expire.