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Bill Summary

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Section

- 1 **Permit standards.** States that a permit requested by a riparian property owner to control submerged vegetation on up to 100 feet of shoreline must be granted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), but only up to 15 percent of a water basin's total shoreline area. No permit is required for less than ten-acre water basins that have no continuous flowing outlet.
- 2 **Permit decisions.** Requires the DNR to approve or deny an aquatic plant permit within 15 days of receiving, or it becomes a default approval.
- 3 **Invasive species permits.** States that permit requests to control aquatic nonnative invasive species shall be granted without any shoreline area limits.
- 4 **Pesticide control.** Grandfathers in permits using pesticides to control aquatic plants on 15 percent or more of a lake's shoreline area, if the permit was granted before 1976.
- 5 **Permit denial review.** Allows a local government appointed review panel of three professionals to inspect and make a final decision on an aquatic plant control permit if the requester has not been approved by the DNR.
- 6 **Mechanical devices.** Allows an automated and untended aquatic plant control device to be used without a permit if the area controlled doesn't exceed 2500 square feet, and disturbed silt is less than three inches deep.
- 7 **Rulemaking prohibited.** States that, starting on March 1, 2006, the DNR cannot adopt changes to their aquatic plant management rules unless in conformance with this act.
- 8 **Effective date.** Makes the bill effective the day following final enactment.