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## **S.F. No. 4074 - Groundwater thermal exchange devices permits changes provisions**

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### *Section Summaries*

**Section 1 (amends Minn. Stat. § 103I.621, subdivision 1)** Existing law provides that up to 200 permits may be issued for small groundwater thermal exchange systems with a maximum capacity of 20 gallons per minute or less, and up to 10 permits may be issued for systems with a maximum capacity of over 50 gallons per minute. This section requires that all such systems must be compliant with the natural resource water-use requirements under section 103I.621, subdivision 2 (which subdivision describes water-use requirements), and increases the number of permits that may be issued for larger systems (with a capacity threshold lowered by this section from 50 gallons to 20 gallons or more per minute) to 100 permits.

This section further requires the property owner (or the owner's agent) to submit to the commissioner a permit application providing information necessary to protect public health and safety of groundwater, and requires a permit holder to comply with any permit condition deemed necessary to protect public health and safety of groundwater. The section states that a permit granted under this section is not valid if a water-use permit is required for the project and is not approved by the commissioner of natural resources.

**Section 2 (amends Minn. Stat. § 103I.621, subdivision 2)** This section provides that water-use permit requirements and penalties under chapter 103G apply to groundwater thermal exchange permit recipients, instead of those requirements and penalties under chapter 103F, as stated in existing law.