

1.1 **Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 1346:** A bill for an act relating to occupational safety; requiring holders of
1.3 permits to harvest or destroy aquatic plants to safely use scuba diving equipment; establishing
1.4 requirements for commercial diving operations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section
1.5 103G.615, subdivisions 1, 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.6 182.

1.7 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.8 Page 1, after line 7, insert:

1.9 "Section 1. CITATION.

1.10 This act may be cited as the "Brady Aune and Joseph Anderson Safety Act."

1.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

1.12 Page 2, line 2, delete "Before issuing a" and insert "To receive a commercial mechanical
1.13 control"

1.14 Page 2, delete line 3 and insert "(1) the applicant must inform the commissioner whether
1.15 scuba diving equipment will be used"

1.16 Page 2, line 15, after "compensation" insert "loss-control representative, with approval
1.17 from an"

1.18 Page 2, line 16, after "private" insert "safety"

1.19 Page 2, after line 16, insert:

1.20 "**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2025, and applies to permits
1.21 issued on or after that date."

1.22 Page 3, after line 7, insert:

1.23 "**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2025, and applies to violations
1.24 committed on or after that date."

1.25 Page 3, line 9, delete "individuals" and insert "persons"

1.26 Page 3, delete subdivisions 2 and 3 and insert:

1.27 "Subd. 2. **Certification required for commercial diving operations.** No employer,
1.28 and no person who is under a contract to make improvements to land, may allow any
1.29 individual subject to this section to conduct scuba diving unless that individual has (1) a
1.30 valid open water scuba diver certificate, or a more advanced certificate, received from a
1.31 nationally recognized and accredited certification program or agency; and (2) completed
1.32 CPR and first-aid certification training.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Equipment requirements.** An employer must require the use of the following
2.2 equipment when an individual subject to this section is scuba diving:

2.3 (1) a buoyancy control device;

2.4 (2) an illuminated dive beacon;

2.5 (3) fins, mask, and snorkel;

2.6 (4) a compressed gas cylinder and valve;

2.7 (5) a primary regulator and alternate air source;

2.8 (6) a breathing gas monitoring device;

2.9 (7) a depth monitoring device;

2.10 (8) a quick-release weight system and weights;

2.11 (9) adequate exposure protection appropriate for local dive conditions;

2.12 (10) at least one audible emergency surface-signaling device; and

2.13 (11) a dive computer or recreational dive planner (RDP).

2.14 Subd. 4. **Additional safety requirements.** An employer must require that an individual
2.15 who has a valid rescue diver certificate received from a nationally recognized and accredited
2.16 certification program must also be onsite when an individual subject to this section is scuba
2.17 diving."

2.18 Page 3, after line 26, insert:

2.19 **"EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2025."

2.20 Renumber the sections and subdivisions in sequence

2.21 Amend the title accordingly

2.22 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on
2.23 Environment, Climate, and Legacy. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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2.25 (Committee Chair)

2.26 February 25, 2025.....
2.27 (Date of Committee recommendation)