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1.2 1.3 1.4	relating to taxation; property; allowing valuation reductions on certain property with conservation restrictions or easements; making technical corrections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 273.117.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 273.117, is amended to read:
1.7	273.117 CONSERVATION PROPERTY TAX VALUATION.
1.8	(a) The value of real property which that is subject to a conservation restriction or
1.9	easement shall must not be reduced by the assessor if:
1.10	$\frac{(a)}{(1)}$ the restriction or easement is for a conservation purpose and is recorded on the
1.11	property; and
1.12	(b) (2) the property is being used in accordance with the terms of the conservation
1.13	restriction or easement.
1.14	(b) This section does not apply to:
1.15	(1) conservation restrictions or easements covering riparian buffers along lakes, rivers,
1.16	and streams that are used for water quantity or quality control;
1.17	(2) easements in a county that has adopted, by referendum, a program to protect farmland
1.18	and natural areas since 1999;

(3) conservation restrictions or easements in metropolitan counties;

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- (4) conservation restrictions or easements in nonmetropolitan counties that have, by
 resolution, authorized the assessor to consider the impact of conservation restrictions or
 easements on the property's value; or
- 2.4 (3) (5) conservation restrictions or easements entered into prior to May 23, 2013.
- 2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for assessment year 2026 and thereafter.

Section 1. 2