

Dear Minnesota Lakes Advocate,

As you may know Minnesota Statute 86B.13 was passed last year to provide training for outdoorsmen teaching them what they can do to prevent the spread Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) with their trailers or water-related equipment. Our company designed this training to be both economical (approx. \$5.00 or \$11.00 depending on the version.) and with a time commitment of less than 30 minutes while effectively presenting how to protect our lakes and rivers from AIS infestations. This training is ready to go now. An option is available for persons who arrive at a boat landing who may not have heard of this requirement to quickly obtain a quick instruction and a temporary permit from a mobile device. The full training could then be completed when they return home.

There is currently an effort in the Minnesota House and Senate to repeal the bill that authorizes this training program. While this program could benefit from some minor modifications, it is basically a sound program and offers the best hope to educate boat owners and sportsmen and women on how to keep our lakes and rivers free of AIS. Once established, it is next to impossible to rid a lake of AIS.

If you agree that our lakes and rivers are worth protecting, action is needed now to let our legislatures know that there are people who support this program. Please call or e-mail your representative and ask them to give the AIS Trailer Owner program a chance to work. This should be done soon as a potential repeal of Statute 86B.13 is now being discussed.

For an easy way to locate your Minnesota representatives go to: <http://www.gis.leg.mn/OpenLayers/districts/> and enter your address.

If possible please also call:

Senator John Marty (651) 296-5645, sen.john.marty@senate.mn chair of the Senate committee currently considering the repeal in the Senate (bill S.F. 0085)

and

Representative Tom Hackbarth (651) 296-2439
or rep.tom.hackbarth@house.mn, chair of the House committee currently considering the repeal in the House (bill H.F. 50)

Finally, voices matter. Please forward this e-mail to all your friends, lake association members and others interested in keeping our beautiful lakes clean and AIS free and urge them to call as well.

Thanks for your time.

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