

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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GOLF COURSES ARE AN EXCEPTION IF USED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LICENSED/CERTIFIED PERSON

## Gov. Ventura Signs S.F. 1555 Prohibiting Use Of Turf Fertilizers In Seven Metro Area Counties

Gov. Ventura signed S.F. 1555, to prohibit the use of phosphorous turf fertilizers in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott or Washington counties unless:

1) a tissue, soil, or other test performed by a laboratory in the last three years indicates that the levels of available phosphorous in the soil is insufficient to support healthy turf growth;

2) it is being used on newly established or developed turf and lawn areas during their first growing season; or

3) the fertilizer is used on a golf course under the direction of a person licensed or certified, or approved by an organization with an ongoing training program approved by the commissioner.

The MGCSA has been lobbying on behalf of the University of Minnesota to help secure grant money for phosphorus research.

*(Editor's Note: the text of S.F. 1555 can be found at: <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/cgi-bin/getbill.pl?session=ls82&version=latest&number=sf1555>.*



**GOVERNOR JESSE VENTURA** likes to tee it up whenever he can.

## THE LEGACY COURSES AT CRAGUN'S SET TO HOST THE 2002 MGCSA CHAMPIONSHIP ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26



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