

Subject Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Policy

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Overview

This bill includes a number of policy provisions related to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) being recommended by the department.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Violations.</p> <p>States that it is unlawful for a person to: (1) issue, obtain, or display a temporary off-highway motorcycle (OHM) registration without intent to follow through with a sale and registration; (2) obtain an OHM registration through misrepresentation or fraud; or (3) display or possess a fictitious or fraudulent OHM registration or decal. Establishes a misdemeanor penalty for a person who violates the provision and a gross misdemeanor penalty for dealers who violate the provision.</p>
2	<p>Unlawful acts related to registration.</p> <p>States that it is unlawful for a person to: (1) issue, obtain, or display a temporary off-road vehicle (ORV) registration without intent to follow through with a sale and registration; (2) obtain an ORV registration through misrepresentation or fraud; or (3) display or possess a fictitious or fraudulent ORV registration or decal. Establishes a misdemeanor penalty for a person who violates the provision and a gross misdemeanor penalty for dealers who violate the provision.</p>
3	<p>Pass required; fee.</p> <p>Removes a requirement that an ORV state trail pass be displayed on the vehicle, requiring it instead to be carried by the operator and available for inspection. The section becomes effective upon full implementation of the DNR's new electronic license system.</p>
4	<p>Unlawful acts related to registration.</p> <p>States that it is unlawful for a person to: (1) issue, obtain, or display a temporary snowmobile registration without intent to follow through with a sale and registration; (2) obtain a snowmobile registration through misrepresentation or</p>

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	fraud; or (3) display a fictitious or fraudulent snowmobile registration or decal. Establishes a misdemeanor penalty for a person who violates the provision and a gross misdemeanor penalty for dealers who violate the provision.
5	Penalties. States that a person who makes a false statement to obtain a snowmobile state trail pass, alters or creates a fictitious pass, or uses an altered, fictitious, or otherwise fraudulent pass is guilty of a misdemeanor and the pass is void.
6	Unlawful acts related to registration. States that it is unlawful for a person to: (1) issue, obtain, or display a temporary all-terrain vehicle (ATV) registration without intent to follow through with a sale and registration; (2) obtain an ATV registration through misrepresentation or fraud; or (3) display or possess a fictitious or fraudulent ATV registration or decal. Establishes a misdemeanor penalty for a person who violates the provision and a gross misdemeanor penalty for dealers who violate the provision.
7	Eviscerated. Defines “eviscerated” for purposes of chapter 84D (Invasive Species). The term is used in the next section.
8	Prohibited activities. Allows a person to possess, import, purchase, sell, and transport bighead, grass, and silver carp that are eviscerated.
9	Penalties. States that a person who makes a false statement related to an application for a state park permit, alters or creates a fictitious permit, or uses an altered, fictitious, or otherwise fraudulent permit is guilty of a misdemeanor and the pass is void.
10	Penalties; false statements or alterations. States that a person who makes a false statement related to an application for a cross-country-ski pass or horse pass is guilty of a misdemeanor and the pass is void. States that a person who uses an altered, fictitious, or otherwise fraudulent cross-country-ski pass or horse pass is guilty of a misdemeanor and the pass is void.
11	Exempt operator. Amends the definition of exempt operator for purposes of watercraft operator permit requirements to include those who are not subject to the requirements due to age. The change would allow those exempt due to age to accompany youth

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	operators and rent watercraft without being subject to certain requirements as originally intended.
12	Young operators. Technical correction to the horsepower rating of motors for purposes of youth operation restrictions.
13	Requirements. Prohibits a motorboat rental business from renting/leasing a motorboat to a person who has not taken the required short boater safety examination within the previous 180 days (the exam is required of those who do not have a watercraft operator's permit or are not exempt from the requirement).
14	Unlawful acts related to license. States that it is unlawful for a person to: (1) issue, obtain, or use a watercraft license without intent to follow through with a sale; (2) obtain a watercraft license through misrepresentation or fraud; or (3) display or possess a fictitious or fraudulent watercraft license. Establishes a misdemeanor penalty for a person who violates the provision and a gross misdemeanor penalty for dealers who violate the provision.
15	Fictitious or altered license or permit. Expands a misdemeanor penalty applicable to those altering a hunting or fishing license to include altering permits, and expands the misdemeanor penalty to those who create, buy, sell, or use a fictitious or otherwise fraudulent license or permit.
16	False statement. Expands a misdemeanor penalty applicable to those making a false statement related to an application for a hunting or fishing license to include hunting and fishing permit applications.
17	Penalties. Establishes additional penalties for those altering a hunting or fishing license, creating, buying, selling, or using a fraudulent one, or making false statements related to the application for one. The penalty for a first offense is voiding the related permit or license and prohibiting the person from obtaining such a license for one year. For subsequent offenses, all wild animal licenses are void and the person is prohibited from obtaining a license/permit to take wild animals for one year for a second offense, and for five years for a third offense.

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18	Voluntary license invalidation. Allows a person who establishes residency in another state to request, in writing, that their resident license in Minnesota be invalidated. States that no licensing or issuing fees may be refunded.
19	Licenses to be sold and issuing fees. Requires the receipt for a game or fish license to state the amount of the issuing fee rather than the license itself. The section becomes effective upon full implementation of the DNR's new electronic license system.
20	Reporting invasive carp. Adds black carp to the list of carp a person must report to the DNR when taking within seven days.
21	Types of fish permitted. Adds burbot to the list of fish that may be taken from Lake Superior by a licensed commercial fishing operator.
22	Water supply plans; demand reduction. Modifies reporting requirements of public water suppliers to require reporting of real and apparent water losses, rather than water that is unaccounted for as required under current law.
23	Repealer. Repeals section 97C.836 (Lake Superior lake trout commercial harvest restrictions).



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