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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4192

03/12/2026 Authored by Pinto and Heintzeman The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; providing for fraud prevention in registrations,
1.3 licenses, passes, and permits issued by the commissioner; providing criminal
1.4 penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.82, by adding a
1.5 subdivision; 84.8205, by adding a subdivision; 85.053, by adding a subdivision;
1.6 97A.311, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new
1.7 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 84; 85; 86B.

1.8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.9 Section 1. 84.7885 UNLAWFUL ACTS RELATED TO REGISTRATION.

1.10 Subdivision 1. Violations. With regard to any registration or temporary registration
1.11 issued under section 84.788, it is unlawful for any person or dealer:

1.12 (1) to issue, obtain, or use a dealer temporary 21-day registration permit without the
1.13 intent to follow through with a sale and registration;

1.14 (2) to obtain, attempt to obtain, or assist in obtaining a registration through
1.15 misrepresentation or fraud by knowingly providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or
1.16 materially untrue information in the registration application; or

1.17 (3) to display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession any fictitious or
1.18 fraudulent registration or decal.

1.19 Subd. 2. Penalties. (a) A dealer temporary 21-day registration permit, registration, or
1.20 registration sticker that is the subject of a violation under subdivision 1 is void.

1.21 (b) A person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.22 (c) A dealer who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

2.1 Sec. 2. **[84.7985] UNLAWFUL ACTS RELATED TO REGISTRATION.**

2.2 **Subdivision 1. Violations.** With regard to any registration or temporary registration
 2.3 issued under section 84.798, it is unlawful for any person or dealer:

2.4 (1) to issue, obtain, or use a dealer temporary 21-day registration permit without the
 2.5 intent to follow through with a sale and registration;

2.6 (2) to obtain, attempt to obtain, or assist in obtaining a registration through
 2.7 misrepresentation or fraud by knowingly providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or
 2.8 materially untrue information in the registration application; or

2.9 (3) to display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession any fictitious or
 2.10 fraudulent registration or decal.

2.11 **Subd. 2. Penalties.** (a) A dealer temporary 21-day registration permit, registration, or
 2.12 registration sticker that is the subject of a violation under subdivision 1 is void.

2.13 (b) A person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

2.14 (c) A dealer who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

2.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.82, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 2.16 read:

2.17 **Subd. 12. Unlawful acts related to registration.** (a) It is unlawful for any person:

2.18 (1) to issue, obtain, or use a dealer temporary 21-day registration permit without the
 2.19 intent to follow through with a sale and registration;

2.20 (2) to register or attempt to register a snowmobile through misrepresentation or fraud
 2.21 by knowingly providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue information
 2.22 in the registration application; or

2.23 (3) to display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession any fictitious or
 2.24 fraudulent registration or decal.

2.25 (b) A dealer temporary 21-day registration permit, registration, or decal that is the subject
 2.26 of a violation under paragraph (a) is void.

2.27 (c) A person who violates paragraph (a) is guilty of a misdemeanor.

2.28 (d) A dealer who violates paragraph (a) is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

3.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.8205, is amended by adding a subdivision to
3.2 read:

3.3 Subd. 7. **Penalties.** A person who makes a false statement related to an application for
3.4 a snowmobile state trail pass, materially alters or creates a fictitious snowmobile state trail
3.5 pass, or uses or attempts to use a materially altered, fictitious, or otherwise fraudulent
3.6 snowmobile state trail pass is guilty of a misdemeanor, and the pass is rendered void.

3.7 Sec. 5. **[84.9225] UNLAWFUL ACTS RELATED TO REGISTRATION.**

3.8 Subdivision 1. **Violations.** With regard to any registration or temporary registration
3.9 issued under section 84.922, it is unlawful for any person or dealer:

3.10 (1) to issue, obtain, or use a dealer temporary 21-day registration permit without the
3.11 intent to follow through with a sale and registration;

3.12 (2) to obtain, attempt to obtain, or assist in obtaining a registration through
3.13 misrepresentation or fraud by knowingly providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or
3.14 materially untrue information in the registration application; or

3.15 (3) to display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession any fictitious or
3.16 fraudulent registration or decal.

3.17 Subd. 2. **Penalties.** (a) A dealer temporary 21-day registration permit, registration, or
3.18 registration sticker that is the subject of a violation under subdivision 1 is void.

3.19 (b) A person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

3.20 (c) A dealer who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

3.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 85.053, is amended by adding a subdivision to
3.22 read:

3.23 Subd. 11. **Penalties.** A person who makes a false statement related to an application for
3.24 a state park permit, materially alters or creates a fictitious state park permit, or uses or
3.25 attempts to use a materially altered, fictitious, or otherwise fraudulent state park permit is
3.26 guilty of a misdemeanor, and the permit is void.

3.27 Sec. 7. **[85.48] PENALTIES; FALSE STATEMENTS OR ALTERATIONS.**

3.28 Subdivision 1. **False statement.** A person who makes a false statement related to an
3.29 application for a cross-country-ski pass or a horse pass is guilty of a misdemeanor, and the
3.30 pass is void.

4.1 Subd. 2. **Altered or fictitious pass.** A person who materially alters or creates a fictitious
 4.2 cross-country-ski pass or horse pass or uses or attempts to use a materially altered, fictitious,
 4.3 or otherwise fraudulent cross-country-ski pass or horse pass is guilty of a misdemeanor,
 4.4 and the pass is void.

4.5 Sec. 8. **[86B.425] UNLAWFUL ACTS RELATED TO LICENSE.**

4.6 Subdivision 1. **Violations.** With regard to any license issued under section 86B.401,
 4.7 86B.405, or 86B.411, it is unlawful for any person or dealer:

4.8 (1) to issue, obtain, or use a temporary license certificate without the intent to follow
 4.9 through with the license application and sale;

4.10 (2) to obtain or attempt to obtain a license or registration sticker through misrepresentation
 4.11 or fraud by knowingly providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue
 4.12 information in the license application; or

4.13 (3) to display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession any fictitious or
 4.14 fraudulent license or registration sticker.

4.15 Subd. 2. **Penalties.** (a) A temporary license certificate, license, or registration sticker
 4.16 that is the subject of a violation under subdivision 1 is void.

4.17 (b) A person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

4.18 (c) A dealer who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

4.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.311, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

4.20 Subdivision 1. ~~Altering Fictitious or altered license or permit.~~ A person that alters a
 4.21 license or permit in a material manner, creates a fictitious license or permit, buys or sells a
 4.22 fictitious or materially altered license or permit, or uses or attempts to use a materially
 4.23 altered, fictitious, or otherwise fraudulent license or permit is guilty of a misdemeanor and
 4.24 subject to the penalties in subdivision 7.

4.25 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.311, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.26 Subd. 2. **False statement.** A person that knowingly makes a false statement related to
 4.27 an application for a license, permit or related to a license, permit, or certificate, required
 4.28 by or issued under the game and fish laws, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the
 4.29 penalties in subdivision 7.

5.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.311, is amended by adding a subdivision
5.2 to read:

5.3 Subd. 7. **Penalties.** A license or permit that is the subject of a violation under subdivision
5.4 1 or 2 is void, and the person convicted of violating subdivision 1 or 2 is subject to the
5.5 following penalties:

5.6 (1) upon first conviction, the person may not obtain a license or permit of that type for
5.7 one year;

5.8 (2) upon second conviction, all the person's licenses to take wild animals are void and
5.9 the person may not obtain a license to take a wild animal or a permit of that type for one
5.10 year; and

5.11 (3) upon third conviction, all the person's licenses to take wild animals are void and the
5.12 person may not obtain a license to take a wild animal or a permit of that type for five years.