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Overview

Article 1 of this act provides the appropriations for a variety of environment and natural resources agencies and programs. It provides for a total of \$683,158,000 for these purposes over the 2004-2005 biennium. Of this amount, \$282,463,000 is from the general fund. Article 2 makes changes to the funding for Pollution Control Agency operations and activities.

Article 1: General

1 Environment and natural resources; appropriations. Summarizes appropriations in this bill.

2 Pollution control agency.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation. \$52,979,000 each year.

Subd. 2. Water. \$19,456,000 each year.

- ▶ \$2,348,000 each year for clean water partnership program
- ▶ \$2,324,000 each year for county administration of the feedlot permit program
- ▶ \$335,000 each year for community technical assistance and education
- ▶ \$405,000 each year for individual sewage treatment system (ISTS) administration and grants
- ▶ \$480,000 each year for ISTS new technology review, local government assistance and enforcement of systems

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- ▶ Requires the commissioner of pollution control to report on the status of discussions with stakeholders on strategies to implement the impaired wasters program and funding options, by February 1, 2004

Subd. 3. Air. \$8,770,000 in the first year, and \$8,765,000 in the second year.

- ▶ \$200,000 each year for air monitoring

Subd. 4. Land. \$18,469,000 each year.

- ▶ \$574,000 each year from the Petrofund for the leaking underground storage tank program
- ▶ \$200,000 each year transferred to the Department of Health for well monitoring in areas contaminated by unpermitted waste disposal facilities

Subd. 5. Multimedia. \$4,301,000 in the first year and \$4,306,000 in the second year.

Subd. 6. Administrative support. \$1,983,000 each year.

3 Office of environmental assistance. \$23,754,000 each year.

- ▶ \$12,500,000 each year is for SCORE block grants to counties
- ▶ \$4,000,000 each year is for solid waste processing payments
- ▶ Directs the OEA to develop recommendations on an incentive-based distribution for SCORE funding

4 Zoological board. \$6,681,000 each year.

5 Natural resources.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation. \$226,120,000 in the first year, and \$223,492,000 in the second year.

Subd. 2. Land and mineral resources management. \$7,494,000 each year.

Subd. 3. Water resources management. \$11,446,000 in the first year, and \$10,456,000 in the second year.

- ▶ \$50,000 the first year is for groundwater sustainability analyses
- ▶ \$625,000 in the first year is for a one-time appropriation from the general fund for grants to local units of government in the area included in the federal flood disaster area designated in DR-1419 (Roseau county, etc.) for the state share of flood hazard mitigation grants for flood damage reduction studies
- ▶ Funding is continued for the Lewis and Clark board project and the Mississippi Headwaters Board

Subd. 4. Forest management. \$33,066,000 each year.

- ▶ \$7,650,000 each year is for prevention, presuppression and suppression costs of emergency firefighting

Subd. 5. Parks and recreation. \$36,736,000 each year

- ▶ \$3,300,000 each year from the general fund, and \$4,152,000 each year from the lottery in lieu money is to the metropolitan council for regional parks and trails

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maintenance and operations

- ▶ \$3,462,000 from the natural resources fund each year and \$8,971,000 from the state parks account each year are for state park and recreation operations
- ▶ \$25,000 each year are for a grant to Taylors Falls for fire and rescue operations in support of Interstate state park

Subd. 6. Trails and waterways management. \$24,060,000 in the first year and \$21,173,000 in the second year.

- ▶ \$5,724,000 each year is for snowmobile grants in aid
- ▶ \$700,000 in the first year is to be split equally for the development of public access sites and for the development of fishing piers
- ▶ \$1,000,000 in the first year is for the Iron Range off-highway vehicle recreation area
- ▶ \$300,000 in the first year is for the acquisition of easements to connect the Willard Munger state trail to the North Shore state trail
- ▶ \$700,000 the first year to assist in developing the Mississippi whitewater park in Minneapolis

Subd. 7. Fish management. \$28,979,000 in the first year, and \$29,010,000 in the second year.

Subd. 8. Wildlife management. \$23,865,000 in the first year, and \$24,180,000 in the second year.

- ▶ \$2,560,000 each year is for the improvement, enhancement, or protection of fish and wildlife resources, except that if chronic wasting disease is found in the state's wild deer herd, these appropriations may be used for wildlife health management costs related to fighting the spread of chronic wasting disease

Subd. 9. Ecological services. \$8,677,000 in the first year, and \$8,745,000 in the second year.

Subd. 10. Enforcement. \$27,543,000 in the first year, and \$28,111,000 in the second year.

Subd. 11. Operations support. \$24,234,000 in the first year, and \$24,241,000 in the second year.

6 Minnesota conservation corps. \$840,000 each year.

7 Board of soil and water resources. \$15,432,000 in the first year and \$15,431,000 in the second year.

- ▶ \$4,102,000 each year is for natural resources block grants to local governments
- ▶ \$3,566,000 each year is for grants to soil and water conservation districts for general purposes
- ▶ \$3,285,000 each year is for grants to soil and water conservation districts for cost-sharing contracts for erosion control and water quality management

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- 8 Science museum.** \$750,000 each year.
- 9 Minnesota resources.** \$17,625,000 in the first year, and \$15,050,000 in the second year.
- ▶ \$406,000 each year is for Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources administration
 - ▶ \$6,223,000 each year is for fish and wildlife habitat projects
 - ▶ \$7,622,000 in the first year and \$5,870,000 in the second year is for recreation projects
 - ▶ \$1,198,000 in the first year and \$899,000 in the second year is for water resources projects
 - ▶ \$311,000 each year is for agriculture projects
 - ▶ \$691,000 each year is for land use and resource information projects
 - ▶ \$630,000 in the first year and \$110,000 in the second year is for energy projects
 - ▶ \$234,000 each year is for environmental education projects
 - ▶ \$281,000 in the first year and \$282,000 in the second year are for projects relating to children's environmental health
- 10 Transfer.** Requires the commissioner of pollution control to transfer \$5,000,000 each year from the environmental fund to the commissioner of finance for cancellation to the general fund. Requires other transfers from solid waste fund, environmental fund and metro landfill contingency action trust fund totaling \$21,645,000 over the next four years to be cancelled to the general fund.
- 11 License and inspection fees.** Specifies fees for aquatic farming and inspections, as well as for aquarium facilities beginning March 1, 2004.
- 12 Game and fish rules.** Allows the commissioner of natural resources to adopt rules relating to the prevention and control of wildlife disease.
- 13 Law enforcement.** Specifies that the commissioner of natural resources has the authority to employ and designate individuals to enforce laws governing the use of recreational areas.
- 14 Grants; authority.** Authorizes the commissioner of natural resources to make grants to private individuals and private organizations in addition to other agencies, units of local government, and nonprofit corporations.
- 15 Harvesting wild rice; license required; exceptions.** Raises the age under which a person can harvest wild rice without a license, from 16 to 18.
- 16 Harvesting wild rice; license fees.** Specifies license fees for harvesting wild rice.
- 17 Wild rice management account.** Moves the wild rice management account into the game and fish fund as of March 1, 2004.
- 18 Off-highway vehicle definition.** Defines an off-highway vehicle.
- 19 Off-highway operation.** Sets restrictions on where off-highway motorized vehicles may operate
- 20 Civil citations for ATV's.** Allows civil citations of certain amounts and damage restitution for ATV operators who break the law, and allows appeals of citations
- 21 State land operation.** Allows ATV operation only on state land specifically posted by the DNR, but allows county land within a state forest to have this restriction modified by county board action.

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- 22** **ATV damage account.** Creates a two-year damage account for the repair of property damaged by ATV use
- 23** **Registration for off-highway motorcycles.** Repeals exemption from registration for certain uses of off-highway motorcycles.
- 24** **Off-highway motorcycles; filing fee.** Increases the filing fee from \$2.00 to \$4.50 or \$7.00.
- 25** **Off-highway registration filing fee; deputy registrar of motor vehicles.** Increases the filing fee from \$2.00 to at least \$4.50.
- 26** **Off-highway motorcycle account.** Authorizes use of funds in the off-highway motorcycle account for enforcement and public education grants to local law enforcement agencies.
- 27** **ATV safety program.** Allows the DNR to cooperate with ATV clubs for volunteer services to improve safety, and improve legal trails for use
- 28** **Definition: all-terrain vehicle.** Allows a vehicle of up to 900 pounds (formerly 800 pounds) to qualify as an ATV.
- 29** **ATV registration fee.** Increases the filing fee from \$2.00 to \$4.50 or \$7.00.
- 30** **New ATV fees.** Raises the three-year registration fee to \$23 until January 1, 2005, and \$30 after that date.
- 31** **Vehicle use allowed on public lands by the commissioner.** Allows the commissioner to grant a permit on a case-by-case basis for operation of an off-highway vehicle on individual public trails for specified purposes.
- 32** **Off-highway vehicle account.** Authorizes use of funds in the off-highway vehicle account for enforcement and public education grants to local law enforcement agencies.
- 33** **ATV operation in ditches and along roads.** Specifies the process by which a ATV can legally operate in road ditches and along the rights-of-way.
- 34** **Motorized trail grants.** Allows the DNR commissioner to withhold any grant payments, if a recipient has violated the grant terms or state or federal law.
- 35** **Minnesota conservation corps.** Transfers the Minnesota conservation corps to a nonprofit organization named the friends of the Minnesota conservation corps.
- 36** **DNR to manage preserve.** Specifies that the commissioner of natural resources has the authority to employ and designate individuals to enforce laws governing the use of the Red Lake game preserve.
- 37** **DNR to manage projects.** Specifies that the commissioner of natural resources has the authority to employ and designate individuals to enforce laws governing projects under section 84A.20.
- 38** **DNR to manage projects.** Specifies that the commissioner of natural resources has the authority to employ and designate individuals to enforce laws governing projects under 84A.31.
- 39** **DNR to police game preserves, areas, and projects.** Specifies that the commissioner of natural resources has the authority to employ and designate individuals to enforce laws governing game preserves, areas, and projects.
- 40** **Citizens council on Voyageurs national park.** Authorizes the reinstatement of the citizens council on Voyageurs national park, without funding. Specifies that the council expires June 30, 2007.
- 41** **Exemptions.** Removes an unnecessary cross-reference to other chapters.
- 42** **Enforcement division employees.** Authorizes the commissioner of natural resources to designate employees to monitor laws governing the use of state parks, monuments, recreation areas, waysides and state forests, and specifies the limited authority of designated employees to enforce those laws.

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- 43 Fee for special parking spur, tent camping and special auto trailer coach parking; senior discount.** Eliminates the senior discount for certain state park parking and camping uses.
- 44 State park permits; motorcycle permit.** Authorizes a separate motorcycle state park permit. Requires state park permits to be available and on sale by January 1 of the calendar year the permit is to be available, instead of October 1 of the preceding year as under current law.
- 45 State park permit fees.** Increases state park permit fees to \$25 (from \$20) for an annual permit, and \$7 (from \$4) for a daily pass.
- 46 Minnesota zoo entrance fee; elementary school children.** Authorizes the zoo to charge reduced entrance fee to elementary school children when they are part of an organized school activity. Current law requires the zoo to charge no fee.
- 47 Watercraft fees.** Charges a \$4.50 filing fee for watercraft registration renewals.
- 48 Watercraft title fee.** Increases from \$3.50 to \$7.00 the fee to apply for a watercraft title.
- 49 Power to prevent or control wildlife disease.** Authorizes the commissioner of the DNR to take certain specified actions to prevent or control a wildlife disease in a species of wild animal.
- 50 Revenue from small game license surcharge and lifetime license.** Increases the portion of the lifetime license that must be credited to the wildlife acquisition account annually, from \$4 to \$6.50.
- 51 Wild cervidae health management.** Changes references in the statute directing use of a portion of certain hunting license fees, from use of these funds for addressing “chronic wasting disease” to use for addressing “wild cervidae health management.” Increases the rolling cap on such funds from \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000.
- 52 Migratory waterfowl stamp.** Authorizes use of proceeds from the sale of migratory waterfowl stamps for the promotion of waterfowl habitat development and maintenance.
- 53 Pheasant stamp.** Authorizes use of proceeds from the sale of pheasant stamps for the acquisition of lands suitable for pheasant habitat management and public hunting.
- 54 Game and fur farms.** Removes the ability for a person to breed and propagate moose, elk, caribou and deer on private land (a game farm) by merely obtaining a license from the DNR.
- 55 Taking, possessing and transporting wild animals.** Allows the commissioner of the DNR to issue special permits for wildlife health management.
- 56 Owners or tenants of agricultural land; no-fee license.** Corrects a section cross-reference.
- 57 Taking wild animals for wildlife health management.** Allows the commissioner of the DNR to issue a no-cost license to take wild animals for purposes of wildlife health management.
- 58 Resident hunting license fee increases.**
- 59 Nonresident hunting license fee increases.**
- 60 Small game surcharge increase.**
- 61 Hunting stamp increase.**
- 62 Trout and salmon stamp increase.**
- 63 Fishing guide fee increase.**
- 64 Minnow dealer fee increase.**
- 65 Minnow retailer fee increase.**
- 66 Nonresident minnow hauling fee increase.**
- 67 Private fish hatchery fee increase.**
- 68 Commercial netting of fish fee increase.**

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- 69 Fish buyer fee increase.**
- 70 Fish packer fee increase.**
- 71 Fish vendor fee increase.**
- 72 Frog dealer fee increase.**
- 73 Camp Ripley archery deer hunt application fee increase.**
- 74 Licenses to be issued and issuing fees.** Clarifies that there is no issuing fee for a free license.
- 75 Importation of hunter-harvested cervidae.** Limits the portions of a hunter-harvested cervidae carcass that can be imported into Minnesota from another state.
- 76 Possession of live cervidae.** Makes it illegal for a person to possess a live cervidae except as authorized by laws and rules of the board of animal health, after January 1, 2004.
- 77 Special hunting seasons.** Authorizes the commissioner of the DNR to establish special hunting seasons at any time of year.
- 78 Priority schedule.**
- 79 Definition; comprehensive local water management plan.** Amends the definition of a local comprehensive water manage plan.
- 80 Definition; plan authority.** Adds a new definition for plan authority.
- 81 Definition; priority concerns.** Adds a new definition for priority concerns.
- 82 Definition; Priority concerns scoping document.** Adds a new definition for priority concerns scoping document.
- 83 Definition; state review agencies.** Adds a new definition for state review agencies.
- 84 County duties.** Corrects references to the local water management plan.
- 85 Delegation.** Corrects references to the local water management plan.
- 86 Coordination.** Corrects references to the local water management plan.
- 87 Water plan requirements.** Corrects references to the local water management plan.
- 88 Identifying priority concerns.** Details the contents of a priority concerns scoping document.
- 89 Plan development.** Requires notice to local government units before revision of a local water management plan.
- 90 Local water management plan.** Details the contents of a plan.
- 91 Public hearing.** Corrects references to the local water management plan and eliminates reference to a 60-day period for local review and comment.
- 92 State review.** Corrects references to the local water management plan. Also establishes a dispute resolution and appeal procedure.
- 93 Adoption and implementation.** Corrects references to the local water management plan.
- 94 Water management plan; general provisions.** Corrects references to the local water management plan and removes a required report to legislative committees.
- 95 Rulemaking.** Makes rulemaking optional rather than mandatory.
- 96 Requirements; local government units.** Corrects references to the local water management plan.
- 97 Procedure.** Corrects references to the local water management plan.
- 98 Authority.** Corrects references to the local water management plan.
- 99 Regulation of water and land resources.** Corrects references to the local water management plan.
- 100 Acquisition of property; assessment of costs.** Corrects references to the local water management plan.
- 101 Definition; Comprehensive local water management plan.** Corrects references to the

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local water management plan.

- 102 Establishment.** Makes support of local units of government by the local water resources protection and management program optional rather than mandatory.
- 103 Contracts.** Allows any local unit of government, rather than just counties, to contract for implementation of water management plans.
- 104 Financial assistance.** Makes grants to counties optional rather than mandatory.
- 105 Limitations.** Corrects references to the local water management plan.
- 106 Application.** Corrects statutory cross-references.
- 107 Board of soil and water resources; public transportation authorities.** Amends the process by which public transportation authorities are notified of board wetland mitigation decisions, and the process by which those authorities may appeal such decisions.
- 108 Definition; general permits.** Adds a new definition for general permits.
- 109 Required ten-year revision.** Drops a 120-day delay on revised watershed management plans.
- 110 Appeals of rules, permit decisions, and orders.** Allows a public transportation authority to appeal a watershed district permit decision.
- 111 Definition; local government unit.** Expands the definition of local government unit by adding a soil and water conservation district.
- 112 Requirements.** Allows a transportation authority to buy wetland credits for a transportation project expansion that increases traffic capacity.
- 113 Wetland replacement siting.** Allows for public transportation projects and certain state areas that are 80+ percent wetlands to, in the metro area, replace at least one acre there and replace another acre in one of the major watersheds draining into the metro area, at the 2 to 1 ratio.
- 114 Wetland bank accounts and transactions; fees established.** Requires fees to be paid to BWSR for managing wetland bank accounts and transactions and establishes the fees.
- 115 Fees paid to board.** Fees are credited to the general fund for administering the wetland bank.
- 116 Water use permit processing fee increase.** Increases the processing fee for a water use permit with additional dollars to fund DNR groundwater analysis.
- 117 Payment of fees for past unpermitted water appropriations.** Specifies that the fees for unpermitted appropriations are required for the previous 7 calendar years after being notified of the need for a permit.
- 118 Aeration system permit fee.** States the aeration system fee to keep public waters unfrozen is \$250. Fees are credited to the game and fish fund.
- 119 Aquatic plant harvest permit fee increase.** From \$200 to \$750 per permit.
- 120 Storm water regulation and permits.** New language regulates point source storm water discharge to conform with the federal Clean Water Act.
- 121 Regulation of storm water discharges.** Allows the agency to issue a general permit for a point source storm water discharge.
- 122 Phosphorus reduction goal.** Sets a state goal of reducing noningested phosphorus of 50% less entering municipal wastewater treatment systems on a developed PCA timeline.
- 123 Definition; septic system tank.** Adds a new definition for septic system tank.
- 124 Septic tank fee.** Requires installers to pay a \$25 fee for each septic system tank installed.
- 125 Termination of obligations for processing grants.** Sections 125, 126, and 161 relate to the termination of obligations of counties under grants made by the Office of Environmental Assistance for the development of processing facilities.
- 126 Processing payment.** Eliminates mixed municipal solid waste processing payments to

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certain counties.

- 127** **Deposit of revenue.** After July 1, 2007, all motor vehicle transfer fees must be deposited in the environmental fund.
- 128** **County waste fee interest.** Allows counties who have a municipal solid waste fee to use the interest generated by the fee for non-solid waste purposes.
- 129** **Cathode-ray tubes.** On July 1, 2005, no electronic product containing a cathode-ray tube may be placed in mixed municipal solid waste.
- 130** **Petrofund amendments.** Sections 130 to 137 make several amendments to the state's petroleum tank release cleanup program, otherwise known as the Petrofund program, to:
- ▶ provide for relief after a natural disaster;
 - ▶ authorize removal of abandoned underground tanks; and
 - ▶ allow the Petrofund board to deny registration to a consultant or contractor in certain specified circumstances.
- 131** **Expenditures.**
- 132** **Reimbursements; subrogation; appropriation.**
- 133** **Reimbursement; natural disaster area.**
- 134** **Retail locations and transport vehicles.**
- 135** **Abandoned underground storage tanks.**
- 136** **Registration.**
- 137** **Repealer.**
- 138** **Stage one vapor recovery systems.** Sections 138 to 145:
- ▶ requires the installation and use of equipment to recover hydrocarbons emitted during the transfer of gasoline from a delivery vehicle to an underground storage tank in the metropolitan area;
 - ▶ provides for reimbursement of up to 90 percent of reasonable costs incurred to retrofit retail gasoline distribution locations in the metropolitan area, and transport vehicles to comply with these requirements; and
 - ▶ establishes penalties for failure to install, maintain or use this equipment.
- 139** **Penalty amount.**
- 140** **Retail location.**
- 141** **Transport delivery vehicle.**
- 142** **Vapor recovery system.**
- 143** **Vapor recovery system.**
- 144** **Vapor recovery on transports.**
- 145** **Preemption.**
- 146** **Minnesota future resources fund renamed.** Sections 146 to 153 provide for LCMR oversight of the state land and water conservation account in the natural resources fund, removes references to the future resources fund and makes other technical changes to administration provisions of the legislative commission on Minnesota resources.
- 147** **Duties.**
- 148** **Personnel.**

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- 149 Administrative expense.**
- 150 Report required.**
- 151 Royalties, copyrights, patents.**
- 152 Designated agency.**
- 153 State land and water conservation account; creation.**
- 154 Lottery in lieu.** Reduces the percentage of the in-lieu tax imposed on the sale of lottery tickets directed to conservation and natural resource purposes, from 87.1 percent to 72.43 percent.
- 155 Cigarette tax.** Captures the portion of the cigarette tax that currently is directed to the future resources fund, and directs those tax revenues into the general fund.
- 156 Water quality assessment process; rulemaking.** Requires the PCA to adopt new rules by 2006, with specified provisions, on state water quality assessment. The rules will apply to the determination of impaired waters as required under the federal Clean Water Act.
- 157 Modifications to storm water permit fees.** Establishes fees for storm water permits.
- 158 Utility licenses fee increases.** Establishes fee increases for a license to construct a utility that crosses over or under public lands or waters.
- 159 Transfer of assets; Minnesota conservation corps.** Property of the conservation corps is transferred to the friends of the Minnesota conservation corps.
- 160 Transfer of funds; Minnesota conservation corps.** Funds that remain in conservation corps accounts on June 30, 2003, are canceled and reappropriated to the friends of the Minnesota conservation corps.
- 161 County processing grant obligations.** Certain grants from the office of environmental assistance are terminated as of the day following final enactment.
- 162 DNR enforcement report.** DNR must report to appropriate legislative committees on Feb. 1, 2004 on clarification of enforcement authority for DNR employees.
- 163 County streamlining report.** Requires by January 15, 2004, that the four main environmental agencies report to legislative committees with recommendations for consolidating and streamlining reports to the agencies required by counties.
- 164 ISTS study.** Requires the commissioner of pollution control to develop and submit a ten-year plan to the legislature to work with counties to locate and address individual sewage treatment systems that are imminent threats to public health and safety, and to provide funding options for septic systems.
- 165 ISTS pilot program.** Creates one by the PCA to work with three counties that have waterbodies impaired by fecal coliform bacteria and attempt to rectify the situation by May 1, 2008.
- 166 Phosphorus study.** Requires the commissioner of pollution control to study lowering phosphorus in the wastewater stream, and to review the existing rules on nutrients in cleaning agents established under sections 116.23 and 116.24, and to report the results to the legislature by February 1, 2004.
- 167 Forest classification status review.** Requires the commissioner of natural resources to classify all state forests under the commissioner's authority as to "limited" or "closed" status for ATV use. The review and report can be delayed until December 31, 2008, if necessary.
- 168 Off-highway vehicle trail study.** Requires a DNR study by Jan. 15, 2005, to the appropriate legislative committees on multiple uses in the outdoor recreation system, and an analysis of the off-highway vehicle trail system, both now and in the future.
- 169 ATV continuous trail.** Requires a 70-mile long continuous trail to be developed on state, and possibly county, land by the DNR to be ready for use by April 1, 2007.

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- 170 Well disclosure in Washington County.** Before real property not served by a municipal water system in Washington county is sold or transferred, the seller must disclose the presence of any unsealed well on the property. This provision is effective the day after the Washington county board approves it.
- 171 Wildlife agent licenses.** Extends electronic game and fish license agent agreements to June 30, 2004.
- 172 Petrofund fee exemption.** Provides a two-year exemption from the petrofund fee for any local commercial airline in order to avoid possible federal bankruptcy, but the money saved must go toward minimizing airline job loss.
- 173 Petrofund reimbursement.** Requires state agencies that incurred past reimbursable costs in responding to a petroleum tank release to apply for reimbursement by Jan. 1, 2005.
- 174 Trail review.** Requires a DNR review of the use of motorized wheelchairs on state trails.
- 175 Revisor instruction.** Technical instruction to the revisor.
- 176 Repealer.** Repeals several sections of state law and rule, relating to:
- ▶ the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary compact;
 - ▶ the use of snares, traps, set guns or swivel guns;
 - ▶ the Minnesota conservation corps;
 - ▶ taconite mining grants;
 - ▶ youth deer hunting licenses;
 - ▶ water planning and management; and
 - ▶ wild cervidae game farms.

Article 2: Pollution Control Agency Funding

This article provides for the consolidation of a number of accounts and funds that are currently used for funding the pollution control agency, into 2 funds, the environmental fund and the remediation fund. Fees, taxes, and special revenues currently used for funding ongoing:

- ▶ environmental protection activities of the agency would be pooled into the environmental fund and appropriated by the legislature for those purposes; and
- ▶ emergency response and environmental clean-up activities of the agency would be pooled into the remediation fund, and appropriated by the legislature for those purposes.

This article also authorizes increases in the PCA's water quality and hazardous waste fees, and repeals laws relating to:

- ▶ the state Superfund account (now in the remediation fund);
- ▶ statutory instructions relating to the solid waste management tax;
- ▶ education and reimbursement programs under the used motor oil and used motor oil filter collection program; and
- ▶ the metropolitan landfill contingency action fund (now in the remediation fund).

