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Overview

Chapter 365, effective May 30, 2008, is the second capital investment act in the 2008 regular session and includes funding for five projects, some program language, and technical corrections to the first capital investment act. Chapter 370 is the corrections act and includes provisions identical to sections 8, 10, 17, 19, 20, and 22 of chapter 365, except that the provisions amending chapter 179 in chapter 370 are effective April 8, 2008. For other capital investment appropriations, see the acts and act summaries for chapter 179 (first capital investment act) and chapter 152 (the transportation finance act).

- 1** **Summary.** This act appropriates a total of \$105,500,000 from the bond proceeds fund (general fund debt service).
- 2, 11, 24, 25** **Lake Vermilion State Park.** \$20 million to DNR to acquire land for Lake Vermilion State Park and to the extent funds remain after acquisition, to design, construct, furnish and equip facilities for the park.

Section 11 establishes the park in statute and section 24 provides the legal description of the park.

Section 25 exempts DNR from the value pooling provision under the statute governing acquisition of lands but requires an appraisal of the land and also provides that DNR cannot pay more than 12 percent over the appraised value.

Note: The omnibus game and fish act, chapter 368, article 3, also establishes the park.

- 3** **Administration.** \$3.4 million for Capital Asset Preservation and Rehabilitation.

4, 12 **Metropolitan Council.**

\$70 million for the Central Corridor LRT. Under section 12, amending Minnesota Statutes, section 473.4051, after operating revenue and federal money have been used to pay for LRT operations, 50 percent of the remaining LRT operating costs must be paid for by the state. The state share of capital costs must not be more than 10 percent of the total capital costs.

- 5 **Veterans Affairs.** \$1 million to cover all costs to demolish Building 9 and relocate a water main. \$9.1 million to pay the 35 percent state share to design, construct, furnish and equip a new veterans' nursing home on the Minneapolis campus.
- 6 **Bond sale authorization.**
- 7, 26 **Bond sale authorization reduction; repealer.** Section 7 reduces the amount of the bond sale authorization from the bonding bill enacted earlier this session, chapter 179, by the amount of the vetoes and section 26 repeals the bond sale authorization in chapter 179, section 27, subdivision 2, for the Red Lake project, which was vetoed by the Governor.
- 8 Technical correction to provide the appropriate cross reference related to the revenue bonding authorized for the closed landfill cleanup fund enacted earlier this session. Chapter 370, section 3, is identical but is effective April 8, 2008.
- 9 **Sustainable building guidelines.** Amends chapter 179, section 30, to modify the scope for a definition of a "major renovation" for the purposes of the sustainable building guidelines to strike "complete" from the language that states the definition may not allow it to encompass less than [complete] replacement of the mechanical, ventilation, or cooling system of the building or section of the building.
- 10 Technical correction of a citation. Chapter 370, section 2, is identical but is effective April 8, 2008.
- 13, 16 **Lewis and Clark Rural Water System.** Clarifies the 2005 appropriations amended in chapter 179. Also allows money spent by members of the Lewis and Clark joint powers board since April 11, 2005, to count towards the nonstate match.
- 14 **Northeast Minnesota Rail Initiative.** Amends the 2006 appropriation to strike the language stating it is to match the federal funding for the project. The amendment made in chapter 179, section 63, was vetoed.
- 15 **Hastings Veterans Home.** Amends the 2006 appropriation to increase the number of units to be built from 30 to 60 and allows the commissioner of veterans affairs to enter into financing agreements with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to design, construct, furnish and equip housing for veterans.
- 17, 22 **MnSCU.** Amends appropriations passed earlier this session for two projects to allow MnSCU and the specific college to use their own funds to complete the projects. Chapter 370, sections 5 and 6, is identical but is effective April 8, 2008.
- 18 **Minnesota State Academies, Pollard Hall.** Corrects the name of the facility in the appropriation passed earlier this session. Chapter 370, section 7, is identical but is effective April 8, 2008.
- 19 **Minnesota Zoo.** Strikes the specific dollar amount for the inflow and infiltration (I/I) project at the zoo and provides that I/I the project must be the priority. Chapter 370, section 4, is identical but is effective April 8, 2008.
- 20 **Scott County public safety training center.** Corrects the description of the project funded earlier this session and allows money committed to the project since June 2, 2006, to count towards the nonstate match. Chapter 370, section 8, also corrects the description of the project but is effective April 8, 2008.
- 21 **Urban Partnership Agreement.** Modifies the appropriation enacted earlier this session to strike the specific dollar amounts for aspects of the project.

Bond sale schedule. Reduced to reflect the lower total amount of bonding authorized this session.