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Overview

This bill includes provisions related to the sale, exchange, and conveyance of land and other provisions related to the administration of state land, including:

- (1) permitting the commissioner of natural resources to make private land sales to adjoining landowners in order to resolve trespass issues;
- (2) permitting the commissioner of natural resources to acquire perpetual conservation easements for the Camp Ripley's Army compatible use buffer project;
- (3) adding and subtracting land from state parks; and
- (4) authorizing the sale, exchange, and conveyance of certain land.

Section

Article 1: State Land Administration

- 1 Establishment of boundary lines relating to certain state landholdings.** Amends § 84.0273. Permits the commissioner to sell, by private sale, surplus lands not needed for natural resource purposes (except school trust lands) to adjoining landowners and leaseholders to resolve trespass issues affecting ownership interests of the state or adjoining landowners.
- 2 Camp Ripley buffer easements.** Adds § 84.0277. Permits the commissioner to acquire perpetual conservation easements from willing landowners consistent with Camp Ripley's Army compatible use buffer project, a three-mile zone around Camp Ripley. Establishes payment formulas to be used in calculating the payments.
- 3 Timber sales; land leases and uses.** Amends § 282.04, subd. 1. Permits a county auditor, with approval of the county board, to grant permits, licenses, or leases of tax-forfeited land

to be used for facilities needed to recover iron-bearing oxides from tailings basins or stockpiles, or for a buffer area needed for a mining operation. Raises the maximum time period for such a permit and similar permits from 15 to 25 years.

- 4** **Lake Shetek State Park, Murray County.** Amends Laws 2008, ch. 368, art. 1, § 21, subd. 4. Corrects a legal description.
- 5** **Moose Lake State Park, Carlton County.** Amends Laws 2008, ch. 368, art. 1, § 21, subd. 5. Corrects a legal description.
- 6** **Additions to state parks.** Expands the boundaries of Fort Snelling State Park and Mille Lacs Kathio State Park.
- 7** **Deletions from state parks.** Removes land from Lake Bemidji State Park and Great River Bluffs State Park.
- 8** **Rum River Wild and Scenic River Area.** Requires the commissioner to remove a portion of land near the Rum River from the Wild and Scenic River Area.
- 9** **Wind energy lease.** Requires the commissioner to enter into a 30-year lease of state land with the Mt. Iron Economic Development Authority for the installation of up to four wind turbines and access roads.
- 10** **Lake Vermillion easements.** Requires the commissioner to grant easements across state lands administered by the DNR on Lake Vermillion's Bass Bay in order to access Mud Creek Road.

Article 2: Land Sales

- 1 to 18** **Sale, conveyance, or exchange of lands.** Permits public and private sales, and the exchange of certain lands in locations as described in the bill.
- 19** **Apportionment of proceeds; tax-forfeited lands; Itasca County.** Permits Itasca County to deposit the proceeds from the sale of tax-forfeited lands into a tax-forfeited land replacement trust fund established in 2006 and allows the principle and interest in the account to be used only to replace tax-forfeited lands sold to Minnesota Steel Industries for lands better suited for retention by the county, and requires the lands purchased to become subject to a trust in favor of the governmental subdivision where they are located and be for forest management purposes and dedicated as a memorial forest.
- 20 to 32** **Sale, conveyance, or exchange of lands.** Permits public and private sales, and conveyance of certain lands in locations as described in the bill.
- 33** **Veterans cemetery.** Requires the commissioner to work with the commissioner of veterans affairs to locate sites throughout the state that would be appropriate for a new veterans cemetery.
- 34** **Effective date.** States that sections 1 to 33 are effective the day following final enactment.

