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This bill concerns state rail bank property, which consists of abandoned rail lines acquired by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for trail and future transportation uses. The bill would:

- expand the list of restricted activities on state rail bank property, such as prohibiting plowing and placing buildings or structures;
- allow for placement of fencing and signs if authorized by MnDOT; and
- make knowing violations of the statute a misdemeanor instead of a petty misdemeanor (by default).