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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill would require nonresidents to purchase an off-road vehicle (ORV) trail pass in order to operate on state or grant-in-aid ORV trails. The fee for an annual pass would be \$20 (\$30 for a three-year pass) plus \$1 issuing fee. The revenues from the fees would be deposited in a dedicated account and used for grants-in-aid to counties and municipalities for ORV organizations to construct and maintain ORV trails and use areas.

**1 Nonresident off-road vehicle state trail pass.** Adds § 84.8035.

**Subd. 1. Pass required; fee.** Requires nonresidents to purchase and display, in a manner viewable by law enforcement and others, a nonresident off-road vehicle (ORV) state trail pass sticker when operating on state or grant-in-aid ORV trails. The fee for an annual pass is \$20 and the fee for a three-year pass is \$30. Requires revenue from the fees to be deposited in the off-road vehicle account and used for grants-in-aid to counties and municipalities for ORV organizations to construct and maintain ORV trails and use areas. Exempts the following ORVs from the pass requirements:

- ORVs owned by federal, state, and local governments;
- ORVs being operated on a portion of a trail that is on land owned by the person or the person's immediate family member (spouse, child, or parent); or
- ORVs that are registered in the state.

**Subd. 2. License agents.** Allows the commissioner to appoint agents to sell and issue the passes and allows the commissioner to revoke the appointment at any time. Allows the commissioner to adopt rules and requires the agents to observe all rules. Requires agents to promptly remit all money received from the sale of the passes to the commissioner minus the agent's issuing fee established in subdivision 4.

**Subd. 3. Issuance of passes.** Requires the commissioner and appointed agents to sell and issue the passes and make the passes available through the department's electronic licensing system.

**Subd. 4. Agent's fee.** Establishes an issuing fee of \$1 to be retained by the seller. Requires

issuing fees collected by the commissioner to be deposited in the off-road-vehicle account and retained for operation of the electronic licensing system.

**Subd. 5. Duplicate passes.** Allows the issuance of duplicate passes to those who have lost or destroyed their pass in accordance with existing provisions for duplicate licenses, which require a person to take an oath covering the facts of loss or destruction. Establishes a fee of \$4 for the duplicate pass with a \$.50 issuing fee.