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Overview

This bill includes various policy provisions related to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

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- 1 Federal law compliance.** Adds § 84.027, subd. 19. Allows the commissioner to establish, by written order, policies for the use and operation of power-driven mobility devices on lands and facilities administered by the DNR in order to implement the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and exempts the policies from rulemaking provisions.
- 2 Permit requirements.** Amends § 84D.108, subd. 2. Exempts a person working for a service provider from invasive species training requirements applicable to employees of such providers if water-related equipment or structures removed or installed by the person remain on riparian property owned by the permittee and are only removed from and placed into the same water. A “service provider” is an “individual who or entity that installs or removes water-related equipment or structures from waters of the state for hire or as a service provided as a benefit of membership in a yacht club, boat club, marina, or similar organization.”
- 3 Arrowhead Regional Trails, Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Pine, Carlton, Koochiching, and Itasca Counties.** Amends § 85.015, subd. 13. Extends the Matthew Lourey Trail to Chengwatana State Forest.
- 4 La Salle Lake State Recreation Area.** Adds § 85.054, subd. 18. Prohibits a state park permit or fee from being required for a motor vehicle to enter, use, or park in the La Salle Lake State Recreation Area unless the occupants enter, use, or park in a developed

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campground or day-use area.

- 5 **Fees.** Amends § 85.055, subd. 1. Last session, a law was passed that extended eligibility for special state park passes for the disabled to those who have an interagency access pass for residents with permanent disabilities issued by the federal government under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. The special state park passes allow the user to pay a reduced fee. This bill updates a cross-reference that was missed in the original legislation so that the reduced fee applies (\$12 compared to the regular \$25 pass).
- 6 **User fee; validity.** Amends § 85.42. Establishes, in statute, the process for issuing a duplicate cross-country ski pass for those that are lost or destroyed and a fee of \$2 for the duplicate pass. The fee is currently established in Minnesota Rules.
- 7 **Taking, possessing, and transporting wild animals for certain purposes.** Amends § 97A.401, subd. 3. Allows nonresident professional wildlife rehabilitators with a federal rehabilitation permit to possess and transport wildlife affected by oil spills.
- 8 **Rulemaking authority.** Allows the commissioner to use the good cause exemption from rulemaking when amending rules to conform with section 10 (allowing for the possession and transportation of wildlife affected by oil spills by certain federally permitted nonresidents).
- 9 **Rulemaking; display of paddle board license numbers.** Requires the commissioner of natural resources to amend Minnesota Rules to exempt paddle boards from the requirement to display license certificates and numbers in the same manner as other nonmotorized watercraft. Allows the commissioner to use the good cause exemption from rulemaking in making the amendments.