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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill creates a special license plate for state parks and trails that includes a required minimum onetime donation of \$125, allows access to state parks without a permit for vehicles bearing the plates, and creates a standing appropriation of the donation funds to the Department of Natural Resources for maintenance of the state parks and trails system.

Section

- 1 Requirement.** Allows a vehicle that bears a state parks and trails special plate (being created in the bill) to access state parks, recreation areas, and waysides without a state park permit.
- 2 [85.056] State parks and trails donation account.** Creates a new section of statutes that establishes a new account for donations from the state parks and trails special plate and appropriates the funds to the Department of Natural Resources for maintenance of state parks and trails.
- 3 [168.1295] State parks and trails plates.** Creates a new section of statutes that establishes a state parks and trails special plate.

Subd. 1. General requirements and procedures. Sets requirements to obtain the special plate, including payment of applicable fees and taxes, ownership of an eligible vehicle, and payment of a onetime donation of at least \$125. Allows for personalized plates.

Section

Subd. 2. Design. Directs the departments of public safety and natural resources to jointly design the plates in consultation with interested groups.

Subd. 3. No refund. Prevents a refund of the required donation.

Subd. 4. Plates transfer. Sets requirements and a \$5 fee for transfer of the plate to another vehicle.

Subd. 5. Contribution and fees credited. Directs the required donation to a state parks and trails donation account, and the \$10 plate fee to the vehicle services operating account.

Subd. 6. Record. Requires recordkeeping on issuances of the plate.

Subd. 7. Exemption. Exempts the special plate from requirements concerning an application fee, survey, and market study required for new plate proposals.