

Subject DNR Policy
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Overview

This bill contains a number of provisions impacting programs and policies administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that were passed by the legislature during the 2018 session but not signed into law.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Civil citation; authority to issue. Conforming change related to the removal of the ban on snorkel devices for all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in section 5.
2	Required rules. Allows a snowmobile safety education and training instructor to collect a fee for the cost of a person's online training course in addition to the fee that may be charged for classroom materials and expenses.
3	Training and certification programs established. Establishes a new voluntary ATV safety and training program for six- to nine-year-olds and their parents/guardians. Requires the parents/guardians to be present at the training. Allows the DNR to incorporate a riding component in the voluntary training program.
4	Prohibitions on youthful operators. Increases the minimum age a person must be to take the existing ATV training and certification program from six to ten.
5	Operation generally. Removes the ban on operating an ATV with a snorkel device.

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6	<p>Bait harvest from infested waters.</p> <p>Reinstates a provision that expired that allows a person to harvest gizzard shad using a cast net in certain infested waters (certain areas of the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers) and expands the provision to the Minnesota River downstream of Granite Falls.</p>
7	<p>Restrictions in infested and noninfested waters; commercial fishing and turtle, frog, and crayfish harvesting.</p> <p>Modifies tagging requirements that apply to commercial fishing equipment (nets, traps, etc.) used in infested waters by expanding the requirement to waters listed for aquatic plants or aquatic macrophytes, excluding Eurasian watermilfoil, and modifying provisions allowing the tags to be removed if the equipment has been decontaminated by adding certain requirements.</p>
8	<p>Gull Lake pilot study.</p> <p>Expands to all water access sites, a pilot project allowing service providers (dock installers, etc.) to return zebra mussel infested equipment back to Gull Lake under a permit from the DNR.</p>
9	<p>Cross Lake pilot study.</p> <p>Expands to all water access sites, a pilot project allowing service providers (dock installers, etc.) to return zebra mussel infested equipment back to Cross Lake in Crow Wing County under a permit from the DNR.</p>
10	<p>Wildland firefighters; training and licensing.</p> <p>Exempts forest officers and wildland firefighters from certain training, education, and certification requirements applicable to firefighters generally.</p>
11	<p>Summary of fish and game laws.</p> <p>Removes a requirement that the DNR supply license vendors with one copy of the fishing, hunting, and trapping regulations for each person getting a license.</p>
12	<p>Discretionary separate selection; eligibility.</p> <p>Allows landowners/tenants of land eligible for a separate selection process for elk hunting licenses to sell the license to any state resident eligible to hunt elk. The license may not be sold for more than the original cost of the license. Removes the requirement that landowners allow public elk hunting on their land in order to be eligible for the separate selection process.</p>

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13	<p>Mandatory separate selection.</p> <p>Requires the DNR to put the name of a person who is unsuccessful in a separate elk license drawing for those who have applied at least ten times without receiving one to be put in the drawing for the remaining licenses.</p>
14	<p>Provisional certificate for persons with permanent physical or developmental disability.</p> <p>Allows a person with a permanent physical disability to receive a provisional firearms safety certificate when they are unable to pass the firearms safety certificate requirements (a similar provision exists for those with a developmental disability).</p>
15	<p>Exceptions.</p> <p>Modifies a provision allowing the use of artificial lights while hunting in certain circumstances to allow lights attached to the person in addition to handheld lights.</p>
16	<p>Hunting by persons with a permanent physical or developmental disability.</p> <p>Defines “permanent physical disability” for purposes of the expanded provisional firearms safety certificate option provided in section 14.</p>
17	<p>Cast nets for gizzard shad.</p> <p>Reinstates a provision that expired allowing gizzard shad to be taken with cast nets under certain conditions and restricts the cast nets used to those five feet in radius or less and allows a person to use up to two cast nets.</p>



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