

Subject Game and Fish Licenses
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Summary

This bill would temporarily allow a person to use a digital image of their game/fish license, cross-country-ski pass, or horse pass as proof of possession of the license/pass. The provisions would be in effect until March 5, 2025, the date when the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) anticipates a new electronic licensing system will be available. The DNR is required to offer the option for paperless game and fish licenses by March 1, 2026, as the result of a law passed last session (see Minn. Laws 2023, ch. 60, art. 4, §§ 41, 48, and 50).

The bill also provides that if a person uses an electronic device to display a document to a conservation officer or peace officer, the officer is immune from liability for any damage to the device unless the officer does not exercise due care and that use of the device does not constitute consent for the officer to access other content on the device.