

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S.F. No. 4062

1.2 A bill for an act

1.3 relating to state government; appropriating money for environment and natural  
1.4 resources and tourism; modifying previous appropriations; establishing new  
1.5 programs and modifying existing programs; modifying fees; creating accounts;  
1.6 authorizing sales and conveyances of certain land; modifying environmental laws;  
1.7 modifying game and fish laws; modifying water laws; modifying natural resource  
1.8 and environment laws; modifying mining laws; allowing expansion in West Newton  
1.9 Special Use District; requiring reports; making technical corrections; amending  
1.10 Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 84.027, subdivision 14a, by adding a subdivision;  
1.11 84.632; 84.788, subdivision 5; 84.82, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision;  
1.12 84.821, subdivision 2; 84.84; 84.86, subdivision 1; 84.87, subdivision 1; 84.922,  
1.13 subdivision 4; 85.015, subdivision 10; 90.181, subdivision 2; 97A.015, subdivisions  
1.14 29, 51; 97A.126, as amended; 97A.137, subdivisions 3, 5; 97A.405, subdivision  
1.15 5; 97B.031, subdivision 1; 97B.071; 97B.311; 97B.318, subdivision 1; 97B.415;  
1.16 97B.668; 97C.211, subdivision 2a; 97C.315, subdivision 1; 97C.515, subdivision  
1.17 2; 103G.201; 103G.211; 103G.223; 103G.271, subdivision 7, by adding a  
1.18 subdivision; 103G.285, by adding a subdivision; 103G.287, subdivisions 4, 5, by  
1.19 adding subdivisions; 103G.289; 115.03, subdivision 1; 115.455; 115.55, by adding  
1.20 a subdivision; 115.77, subdivision 1; 115.84, subdivisions 2, 3; 115A.03,  
1.21 subdivision 35, by adding subdivisions; 115B.52, subdivision 4; 116.03, subdivision  
1.22 2b; 116.07, subdivision 4d, by adding a subdivision; 116B.03, subdivision 1;  
1.23 116B.10, by adding a subdivision; 116D.04, subdivision 2a; 116U.55, by adding  
1.24 a subdivision; 127A.353, subdivision 2; 282.04, subdivision 1, by adding a  
1.25 subdivision; 282.08; 297A.94; Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, sections  
1.26 84.63; 84.631; 84.92, subdivision 8; 85.052, subdivision 6; 92.502; 103G.271,  
1.27 subdivision 4a; 127A.353, subdivision 4; Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter  
1.28 4, article 4, section 136, as amended; Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 6,  
1.29 article 1, section 2, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.30 Statutes, chapters 93; 115A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97C.515,  
1.31 subdivisions 4, 5; Laws 2012, chapter 236, section 28, subdivision 9, as amended;  
1.32 Laws 2013, chapter 121, section 53; Minnesota Rules, parts 6100.5000, subparts  
1.33 3, 4, 5; 6100.5700, subpart 4; 6232.0350.

1.34 May 21, 2022

1.35 The Honorable David J. Osmek  
1.36 President of the Senate

1.37 The Honorable Melissa Hortman  
1.38 Speaker of the House of Representatives



3.1 **Subd. 2. Agency Appropriations**

3.2 (a) \$700,000 the second year is from the  
3.3 environmental fund for additional SCORE  
3.4 block grants to counties.

3.5 (b) \$125,000 the second year is from the  
3.6 environmental fund to conduct an analysis of  
3.7 how states within Environmental Protection  
3.8 Agency Region 5 fund their air permitting  
3.9 programs. By January 15, 2024, the  
3.10 commissioner must report the results of the  
3.11 analysis to the chairs and ranking minority  
3.12 members of the house of representatives and  
3.13 senate committees and divisions with  
3.14 jurisdiction over environment and natural  
3.15 resources. The report must include: (1)  
3.16 identification of all sources of funding for  
3.17 Minnesota's air permitting program and those  
3.18 of each of the other states within Region 5;  
3.19 (2) a summary of how the funding sources  
3.20 have changed over time; (3) an analysis of the  
3.21 cost that Minnesota's air permitting program  
3.22 and those of each state within Region 5  
3.23 imposes on permittees; (4) a summary of how  
3.24 the costs identified in clause (3) have changed  
3.25 over time and how they relate to total  
3.26 permittee emissions; (5) identification of  
3.27 potential alternatives to Minnesota's current  
3.28 practice of increasing the per-ton air emission  
3.29 fee as emissions are reduced; and (6) an  
3.30 assessment of what policy changes, legal  
3.31 changes, and funding changes would be  
3.32 required to successfully implement the  
3.33 alternatives in clause (5). This is a onetime  
3.34 appropriation.

4.1 (c) \$1,500,000 the second year is from the  
4.2 remediation fund for a contamination cleanup  
4.3 grant to Lake of the Woods County to  
4.4 demolish the abandoned state-owned Williams  
4.5 School building in the city of Williams and to  
4.6 abate and remediate petroleum, pollutants, or  
4.7 contaminants at the school site. This is a  
4.8 onetime appropriation and is available until  
4.9 June 30, 2025.

4.10 (d) \$250,000 the second year is from the  
4.11 general fund for a grant to the Red River Basin  
4.12 Commission to facilitate development of a  
4.13 feasibility assessment of adaptive phosphorus  
4.14 management for the Red River of the North.  
4.15 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
4.16 available until June 30, 2024.

4.17 (e) \$50,000 the second year is from the  
4.18 environmental fund for the petroleum tank  
4.19 release cleanup program duties and report  
4.20 required under this act. This is a onetime  
4.21 appropriation.

4.22 (f) \$360,000 the second year is from the  
4.23 environmental fund to purchase two air  
4.24 monitoring devices to measure pollutants in  
4.25 ambient air. This is a onetime appropriation.

4.26 (g) \$133,000 the second year is from the  
4.27 remediation fund for staffing to fulfill the  
4.28 statutory obligations under Minnesota Statutes,  
4.29 chapter 115E, regarding railroad safety. The  
4.30 base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2024  
4.31 and later is \$133,000.

4.32 (h) \$50,000 the second year is for completing  
4.33 the St. Louis River mercury total maximum  
4.34 daily load study. This is a onetime



6.1 Country ATV trail system. This is a onetime  
6.2 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
6.3 2025. This appropriation may be used as a  
6.4 local match to a 2022 state bonding award.

6.5 (c) \$500,000 the second year is from the  
6.6 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural  
6.7 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County  
6.8 to match other funding sources for design,  
6.9 right-of-way acquisition, permitting, and  
6.10 construction of a new trail within the  
6.11 Prospector trail system. This is a onetime  
6.12 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
6.13 2025. This appropriation may be used as a  
6.14 local match to a 2022 state bonding award.

6.15 (d) \$40,000 the second year is from the  
6.16 off-road vehicle account in the natural  
6.17 resources fund for grants to qualifying off-road  
6.18 vehicle organizations to assist in safety and  
6.19 environmental education and monitoring trails  
6.20 on public lands under Minnesota Statutes,  
6.21 section 84.9011. Grants issued under this  
6.22 paragraph must be issued through a formal  
6.23 agreement with the organization. By  
6.24 December 15 each year, an organization  
6.25 receiving a grant under this paragraph must  
6.26 report to the commissioner with details on  
6.27 expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of  
6.28 this amount, \$4,000 is for administering the  
6.29 grants.

6.30 (e) \$150,000 the second year is from the  
6.31 heritage enhancement account in the game and  
6.32 fish fund for additional shooting sports facility  
6.33 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
6.34 87A.10. This is a onetime appropriation and  
6.35 is available until June 30, 2024.

7.1 (f) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the  
7.2 general fund for public water access sites. This  
7.3 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
7.4 until June 30, 2026.

7.5 (g) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the  
7.6 heritage enhancement account in the game and  
7.7 fish fund for fish hatchery improvements. This  
7.8 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
7.9 until June 30, 2026.

7.10 (h) During fiscal year 2023, the commissioner  
7.11 of natural resources must enhance the  
7.12 Department of Natural Resources'  
7.13 management of the state's rough fish,  
7.14 including instituting bag limits and studying  
7.15 rough fish population dynamics, habits, and  
7.16 habitats in major rivers.

7.17 (i) \$500,000 the second year is from the  
7.18 general fund for grants to lake associations,  
7.19 local governments, and Tribal governments  
7.20 to manage aquatic invasive plant species,  
7.21 including starry stonewort.

7.22 (j) \$750,000 the second year is from the  
7.23 heritage enhancement account in the game and  
7.24 fish fund for grants to local units of  
7.25 government to replace trees removed to  
7.26 address emerald ash borer. Money  
7.27 appropriated in this paragraph may be used to  
7.28 acquire and plant trees that are climate  
7.29 adaptive to Minnesota. This is a onetime  
7.30 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
7.31 2025.

7.32 (k) \$250,000 the second year is from the  
7.33 heritage enhancement account in the game and  
7.34 fish fund for grants to prekindergarten to grade

8.1 12 schools, including public and private  
8.2 schools, to plant trees on school grounds while  
8.3 providing hands-on learning opportunities for  
8.4 students. A grant application under this  
8.5 paragraph must be prepared jointly with the  
8.6 parent-teacher organization or similar parent  
8.7 organization for the school. This is a onetime  
8.8 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
8.9 2024.

8.10 (l) \$500,000 the second year is from the  
8.11 heritage enhancement account in the game and  
8.12 fish fund for a grant to the Fond du Lac Band  
8.13 of Lake Superior Chippewa to expand  
8.14 Minnesota's wild elk population and range.  
8.15 Consideration must be given to moving elk  
8.16 from existing herds in northwest Minnesota  
8.17 to the area of the Fond du Lac State Forest and  
8.18 the Fond du Lac Reservation in Carlton and  
8.19 southern St. Louis Counties. The Fond du Lac  
8.20 Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's elk  
8.21 reintroduction efforts must undergo thorough  
8.22 planning with the Department of Natural  
8.23 Resources to develop necessary capture and  
8.24 handling protocols, including protocols related  
8.25 to cervid disease management, and to produce  
8.26 postrelease state and Tribal elk  
8.27 co-management plans. This is a onetime  
8.28 appropriation.

8.29 (m) \$250,000 the second year is for testing for  
8.30 chronic wasting disease using a real-time  
8.31 quaking-induced conversion (RT-QuIC) test.  
8.32 These funds may be used for voluntary testing  
8.33 of farmed and wild white-tailed deer. This is  
8.34 a onetime appropriation.



- 9.1 (n) \$600,000 the second year is from the  
9.2 general fund for grants for  
9.3 natural-resource-based education and  
9.4 recreation programs serving youth under  
9.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976.
- 9.6 (o) \$70,000 the second year is from the  
9.7 heritage enhancement account in the game and  
9.8 fish fund for the nongame wildlife  
9.9 management program.
- 9.10 (p) \$800,000 the second year is from the  
9.11 natural resources fund for state trail, park, and  
9.12 recreation area operations. This appropriation  
9.13 is from revenue deposited in the natural  
9.14 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
9.15 section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (2).
- 9.16 (q) \$850,000 the second year is for operation  
9.17 and maintenance of publicly owned flood  
9.18 mitigation infrastructure at the Canisteo open  
9.19 pit mine complex and is available until June  
9.20 30, 2063. This is a onetime appropriation. The  
9.21 commissioner of natural resources must enter  
9.22 into a lease for any lands or facilities needed  
9.23 for a project to construct publicly owned flood  
9.24 mitigation infrastructure at the Canisteo open  
9.25 pit mine complex for a term that is consistent  
9.26 with meeting project needs and Minnesota  
9.27 Statutes, section 16A.695. A lease entered into  
9.28 under this section must include a provision  
9.29 that provides for the amendment or  
9.30 termination of the lease when:
- 9.31 (1) the commissioner of natural resources  
9.32 determines that the project is no longer needed  
9.33 to serve the intended purpose or identifies a  
9.34 more effective alternative to the constructed  
9.35 project; or

- 10.1 (2) mining operations are fully permitted to  
10.2 resume in all or part of the property acquired  
10.3 or improved with state bond proceeds,  
10.4 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.5 16A.695.
- 10.6 (r) \$150,000 the second year is from the  
10.7 natural resources fund for grants to be divided  
10.8 equally between the city of St. Paul for the  
10.9 Como Park Zoo and Conservatory and the city  
10.10 of Duluth for the Lake Superior Zoo. This  
10.11 appropriation is from revenue deposited to the  
10.12 natural resources fund under Minnesota  
10.13 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),  
10.14 clause (5). This is a onetime appropriation.
- 10.15 (s) Up to \$800,000 of any unspent money as  
10.16 of June 29, 2022, that was appropriated from  
10.17 the general fund to the commissioner of  
10.18 natural resources in Laws 2021, First Special  
10.19 Session chapter 6, article 1, section 3,  
10.20 subdivision 7, paragraph (i), may be spent to  
10.21 address deficiencies in the Enforcement  
10.22 Division budget due to the costs of public  
10.23 safety efforts related to capitol security, and  
10.24 is available until June 30, 2023.
- 10.25 (t) \$28,000 the first year and \$241,000 the  
10.26 second year are from the general fund for  
10.27 increased compensation for employees in  
10.28 positions represented by the Minnesota Law  
10.29 Enforcement Association. This is a onetime  
10.30 appropriation.
- 10.31 (u) \$250,000 the second year is from the  
10.32 natural resources fund for park and trail grants  
10.33 to local units of government on land to be  
10.34 maintained for at least 20 years for parks or  
10.35 trails. This appropriation is from revenue



12.1 industry. Grant money may be used to support  
 12.2 meetings, conventions and group business,  
 12.3 multicommunity and high-visibility events,  
 12.4 and tourism marketing. Explore Minnesota  
 12.5 Tourism must accept applications under this  
 12.6 paragraph for at least five business days  
 12.7 beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the first business  
 12.8 day and, if total applications exceed \$552,000,  
 12.9 the grants must be awarded to eligible  
 12.10 applicants at random until the funding is  
 12.11 exhausted. Of this amount, Explore Minnesota  
 12.12 Tourism must not retain any portion for  
 12.13 administrative costs. This is a onetime  
 12.14 appropriation.

12.15 **Sec. 5. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**  
 12.16 **RESOURCES**

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12.17 (a) \$1,580,000 the second year is from the  
 12.18 general fund for the local road wetland  
 12.19 replacement program. The base for this  
 12.20 appropriation for fiscal year 2024 and later is  
 12.21 \$765,000.

12.22 (b) \$125,000 the second year is to accomplish  
 12.23 the objectives of Minnesota Statutes, section  
 12.24 10.65, and related Tribal government  
 12.25 coordination. The base for fiscal year 2024 is  
 12.26 \$129,000 and \$133,000 for fiscal year 2025  
 12.27 and each year thereafter.

12.28 **Sec. 6. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>800,000</u>
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12.29 \$800,000 the second year is from the natural  
 12.30 resources fund for metropolitan-area regional  
 12.31 parks and trails maintenance and operations.  
 12.32 This appropriation is from revenue deposited  
 12.33 in the natural resources fund under Minnesota  
 12.34 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),  
 12.35 clause (3).

13.1 Sec. 7. ZOOLOGICAL BOARD \$ -0- \$ 75,000

13.2 \$75,000 the second year is from the natural  
 13.3 resources fund from revenue deposited under  
 13.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
 13.5 paragraph (h), clause (5). This is a onetime  
 13.6 appropriation.

13.7 Sec. 8. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 2, subdivision 10, is  
 13.8 amended to read:

13.9 **Subd. 10. Transfers**

13.10 (a) The commissioner must transfer up to  
 13.11 ~~\$25,000,000~~ the first year and ~~\$22,000,000~~  
 13.12 \$25,000,000 the second year from the  
 13.13 environmental fund to the remediation fund  
 13.14 for purposes of the remediation fund under  
 13.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.155,  
 13.16 subdivision 2. The base for the transfer in  
 13.17 fiscal year 2024 is \$19,000,000 and in fiscal  
 13.18 year 2025 is \$22,000,000.

13.19 (b) ~~Beginning in fiscal year 2022,~~ The  
 13.20 commissioner of management and budget must  
 13.21 transfer \$100,000 ~~each~~ the first year and  
 13.22 \$976,000 the second year from the general  
 13.23 fund to the metropolitan landfill contingency  
 13.24 action trust account in the remediation fund  
 13.25 to restore the money transferred from the  
 13.26 account as intended under Laws 2003, chapter  
 13.27 128, article 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and  
 13.28 Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1,  
 13.29 article 3, section 17. In fiscal year 2024 and  
 13.30 thereafter, the amount to be transferred from  
 13.31 the general fund each year is \$765,000.

14.1 Sec. 9. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 3, subdivision 3, is  
 14.2 amended to read:

14.3 **Subd. 3. Ecological and Water Resources** 39,702,000 37,321,000

14.4 Appropriations by Fund

14.5		2022	2023
14.6	General	21,597,000	19,516,000
14.7	Natural Resources	12,581,000	12,281,000
14.8	Game and Fish	5,524,000	5,524,000

14.9 (a) \$4,222,000 the first year and \$4,222,000  
 14.10 the second year are from the invasive species  
 14.11 account in the natural resources fund and  
 14.12 \$3,681,000 the first year and \$2,831,000 the  
 14.13 second year are from the general fund for  
 14.14 management, public awareness, assessment  
 14.15 and monitoring research, and water access  
 14.16 inspection to prevent the spread of invasive  
 14.17 species; management of invasive plants in  
 14.18 public waters; and management of terrestrial  
 14.19 invasive species on state-administered lands.  
 14.20 Of this amount, \$850,000 the first year from  
 14.21 the general fund is for grants to lake  
 14.22 associations to manage aquatic invasive plant  
 14.23 species.

14.24 (b) \$5,556,000 the first year and \$5,556,000  
 14.25 the second year are from the water  
 14.26 management account in the natural resources  
 14.27 fund for only the purposes specified in  
 14.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27,  
 14.29 subdivision 2.

14.30 (c) \$124,000 the first year and \$124,000 the  
 14.31 second year are for a grant to the Mississippi  
 14.32 Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the  
 14.33 cost of implementing the comprehensive plan  
 14.34 for the upper Mississippi within areas under  
 14.35 the board's jurisdiction.

15.1 (d) \$10,000 the first year and \$10,000 the  
15.2 second year are for payment to the Leech Lake  
15.3 Band of Chippewa Indians to implement the  
15.4 band's portion of the comprehensive plan for  
15.5 the upper Mississippi River.

15.6 (e) \$264,000 the first year and \$264,000 the  
15.7 second year are for grants for up to 50 percent  
15.8 of the cost of implementing the Red River  
15.9 mediation agreement.

15.10 (f) \$2,298,000 the first year and \$2,298,000  
15.11 the second year are from the heritage  
15.12 enhancement account in the game and fish  
15.13 fund for only the purposes specified in  
15.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
15.15 paragraph (h), clause (1).

15.16 (g) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
15.17 the second year are from the nongame wildlife  
15.18 management account in the natural resources  
15.19 fund for nongame wildlife management.

15.20 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
15.21 290.431, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000  
15.22 the second year may be used for nongame  
15.23 wildlife information, education, and  
15.24 promotion.

15.25 (h) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
15.26 section 84.943, \$28,000 the first year and  
15.27 \$28,000 the second year from the critical  
15.28 habitat private sector matching account may  
15.29 be used to publicize the critical habitat license  
15.30 plate match program.

15.31 (i) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000  
15.32 the second year are for the following activities:

15.33 (1) financial reimbursement and technical  
15.34 support to soil and water conservation districts

16.1 or other local units of government for  
16.2 groundwater-level monitoring;  
16.3 (2) surface water monitoring and analysis,  
16.4 including installing monitoring gauges;  
16.5 (3) groundwater analysis to assist with  
16.6 water-appropriation permitting decisions;  
16.7 (4) permit application review incorporating  
16.8 surface water and groundwater technical  
16.9 analysis;  
16.10 (5) precipitation data and analysis to improve  
16.11 irrigation use;  
16.12 (6) information technology, including  
16.13 electronic permitting and integrated data  
16.14 systems; and  
16.15 (7) compliance and monitoring.  
16.16 (j) \$410,000 the first year and \$410,000 the  
16.17 second year are from the heritage enhancement  
16.18 account in the game and fish fund and  
16.19 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
16.20 second year are from the general fund for  
16.21 grants to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive  
16.22 Species Research Center at the University of  
16.23 Minnesota to prioritize, support, and develop  
16.24 research-based solutions that can reduce the  
16.25 effects of aquatic invasive species in  
16.26 Minnesota by preventing spread, controlling  
16.27 populations, and managing ecosystems and to  
16.28 advance knowledge to inspire action by others.  
16.29 (k) \$300,000 the first year is to address aquatic  
16.30 invasive species in and around Upper and  
16.31 Lower Red Lake. This is a onetime  
16.32 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
16.33 2023.



17.1 (l) \$105,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
17.2 city of Madelia for surveying, modeling, and  
17.3 designing floodplain improvements along the  
17.4 Watonwan River. The city must submit a copy  
17.5 of the study to the commissioner of natural  
17.6 resources and to the Federal Emergency  
17.7 Management Agency for possible  
17.8 incorporation into the Watonwan County  
17.9 digital flood insurance rate maps.

17.10 (m) \$513,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
17.11 city of Waterville. This appropriation is  
17.12 available until June 30, 2023. Of this amount:

17.13 (1) \$13,000 is to purchase and install a flood  
17.14 warning gauge on the Cannon River. The city  
17.15 must work with the commissioner to integrate  
17.16 the gauge with the state's enhanced flood  
17.17 forecast warning system; and

17.18 (2) \$500,000 is for a flood study of the Cannon  
17.19 River dam system. The study must include  
17.20 data collection and calibration, structure  
17.21 surveying, HEC-HMS model development  
17.22 and calibration, HEC-RAS model generation,  
17.23 and modeling alternative mitigation options.

17.24 (n) \$14,000 the first year is for a grant to Blue  
17.25 Earth County for a study of flood control and  
17.26 stormwater management options for South  
17.27 Bend Township.

17.28 (o) \$300,000 is for a grant to the city of  
17.29 Lanesboro to complete the construction,  
17.30 furnishing, and equipping of the renovation  
17.31 of the Lanesboro dam. This includes repairs  
17.32 of the hydropower system. This appropriation  
17.33 is in addition to the appropriation in Laws

18.1 2017, First Special Session chapter 8, article  
18.2 1, section 3, subdivision 4.  
18.3 (p) \$225,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
18.4 Waseca County Historical Society to complete  
18.5 phase II of the restoration of the Hofmann  
18.6 Apiaries honey house and wax shed. This is  
18.7 a onetime appropriation and is available until  
18.8 June 30, 2024.

18.9 (q) \$427,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general  
18.10 fund appropriations under Laws 2019, First  
18.11 Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 3,  
18.12 subdivision 3, is canceled.

18.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

18.14 **ARTICLE 2**  
18.15 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

18.16 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84.788, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

18.17 Subd. 5. **Report of ownership transfers; fee.** (a) Application for transfer of ownership  
18.18 of an off-highway motorcycle registered under this section must be made to the commissioner  
18.19 within 15 days of the date of transfer.

18.20 (b) An application for transfer must be executed by the ~~registered~~ current owner and the  
18.21 purchaser using a bill of sale that includes the vehicle serial number.

18.22 (c) The purchaser is subject to the penalties imposed by section 84.774 if the purchaser  
18.23 fails to apply for transfer of ownership as provided under this subdivision.

18.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84.84, is amended to read:

18.25 **84.84 TRANSFER OR TERMINATION OF SNOWMOBILE OWNERSHIP.**

18.26 (a) Within 15 days after the transfer of ownership, or any part thereof, other than a  
18.27 security interest, or the destruction or abandonment of any snowmobile, written notice of  
18.28 the transfer or destruction or abandonment shall be given to the commissioner in such form  
18.29 as the commissioner shall prescribe.

18.30 (b) An application for transfer must be executed by the ~~registered~~ current owner and the  
18.31 purchaser using a bill of sale that includes the vehicle serial number.

19.1 (c) The purchaser is subject to the penalties imposed by section 84.88 if the purchaser  
19.2 fails to apply for transfer of ownership as provided under this subdivision. Every owner or  
19.3 part owner of a snowmobile shall, upon failure to give notice of destruction or abandonment,  
19.4 be subject to the penalties imposed by section 84.88.

19.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84.87, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 2022,  
19.6 chapter 55, article 1, section 18, is amended to read:

19.7 Subdivision 1. **Operation on streets and highways.** (a) No person shall operate a  
19.8 snowmobile upon the roadway, shoulder, or inside bank or slope of any trunk, county  
19.9 state-aid, or county highway in this state and, in the case of a divided trunk or county  
19.10 highway, on the right-of-way between the opposing lanes of traffic, except as provided in  
19.11 sections 84.81 to 84.90. No person shall operate a snowmobile within the right-of-way of  
19.12 any trunk, county state-aid, or county highway between the hours of one-half hour after  
19.13 sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except on the right-hand side of such right-of-way  
19.14 and in the same direction as the highway traffic on the nearest lane of the roadway adjacent  
19.15 thereto. No snowmobile shall be operated at any time within the right-of-way of any interstate  
19.16 highway or freeway within this state.

19.17 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (a) to the contrary:

19.18 (1) under conditions prescribed by the commissioner of transportation, the commissioner  
19.19 of transportation may allow two-way operation of snowmobiles on either side of the trunk  
19.20 highway right-of-way where the commissioner of transportation determines that two-way  
19.21 operation will not endanger users of the trunk highway or riders of the snowmobiles using  
19.22 the trail;

19.23 (2) under conditions prescribed by a local road authority as defined in section 160.02,  
19.24 subdivision 25, the road authority may allow two-way operation of snowmobiles on either  
19.25 side of the right-of-way of a street or highway under the road authority's jurisdiction, where  
19.26 the road authority determines that two-way operation will not endanger users of the street  
19.27 or highway or riders of the snowmobiles using the trail;

19.28 (3) the commissioner of transportation under clause (1) and the local road authority  
19.29 under clause (2) shall notify the commissioner of natural resources and the local law  
19.30 enforcement agencies responsible for the streets or highways of the locations of two-way  
19.31 snowmobile trails authorized under this paragraph; and

19.32 (4) two-way snowmobile trails authorized under this paragraph shall be posted for  
19.33 two-way operation at the authorized locations.

20.1 (c) A snowmobile may make a direct crossing of a street or highway at any hour of the  
20.2 day provided:

20.3 (1) the crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the  
20.4 highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;

20.5 (2) the snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main  
20.6 traveled way of the highway;

20.7 (3) the driver yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an  
20.8 immediate hazard;

20.9 (4) in crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such  
20.10 highway with another public street or highway, or at a safe location approved by the road  
20.11 authority;

20.12 (5) if the crossing is made between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half  
20.13 hour before sunrise or in conditions of reduced visibility, only if both front and rear lights  
20.14 are on; and

20.15 (6) a snowmobile may be operated upon a bridge, other than a bridge that is part of the  
20.16 main traveled lanes of an interstate highway, when required for the purpose of avoiding  
20.17 obstructions to travel when no other method of avoidance is possible; provided the  
20.18 snowmobile is operated in the extreme right-hand lane, the entrance to the roadway is made  
20.19 within 100 feet of the bridge and the crossing is made without undue delay.

20.20 (d) No snowmobile shall be operated upon a public street or highway unless it is equipped  
20.21 with at least one headlamp, one tail lamp, each of minimum candlepower as prescribed by  
20.22 rules of the commissioner, reflector material of a minimum area of 16 square inches mounted  
20.23 on each side forward of the handle bars, and with brakes each of which shall conform to  
20.24 standards prescribed by rule of the commissioner pursuant to the authority vested in the  
20.25 commissioner by section 84.86, and each of which shall be subject to approval of the  
20.26 commissioner of public safety.

20.27 (e) A snowmobile may be operated upon a public street or highway other than as provided  
20.28 by paragraph (c) in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where  
20.29 snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.

20.30 (f) All provisions of chapters 169 and 169A shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles  
20.31 upon streets and highways, except for those relating to required equipment, and except those  
20.32 which by their nature have no application. Section 169.09 applies to the operation of  
20.33 snowmobiles anywhere in the state or on the ice of any boundary water of the state.

21.1 (g) Any sled, trailer, or other device being towed by a snowmobile must be equipped  
21.2 with reflective materials as required by rule of the commissioner.

21.3 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84.922, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

21.4 Subd. 4. **Report of transfers.** (a) Application for transfer of ownership must be made  
21.5 to the commissioner within 15 days of the date of transfer.

21.6 (b) An application for transfer must be executed by the ~~registered~~ current owner and the  
21.7 purchaser using a bill of sale that includes the vehicle serial number.

21.8 (c) The purchaser is subject to the penalties imposed by section 84.774 if the purchaser  
21.9 fails to apply for transfer of ownership as provided under this subdivision.

21.10 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84D.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

21.11 Subd. 3. **Management plan.** By December 31, 2022, and every five years thereafter,  
21.12 the commissioner ~~shall~~ must prepare ~~and maintain~~ a long-term plan, which may include  
21.13 specific plans for individual species and actions, for the statewide management of invasive  
21.14 species of aquatic plants and wild animals. The plan must address:

21.15 (1) coordinated detection and prevention of accidental introductions;

21.16 (2) coordinated dissemination of information about invasive species of aquatic plants  
21.17 and wild animals among resource management agencies and organizations;

21.18 (3) a coordinated public education and awareness campaign;

21.19 (4) coordinated control of selected invasive species of aquatic plants and wild animals  
21.20 on lands and public waters;

21.21 (5) participation by lake associations, local citizen groups, and local units of government  
21.22 in the development and implementation of local management efforts;

21.23 (6) a reasonable and workable inspection requirement for watercraft and equipment  
21.24 including those participating in organized events on the waters of the state;

21.25 (7) the closing of points of access to infested waters, if the commissioner determines it  
21.26 is necessary, for a total of not more than seven days during the open water season for control  
21.27 or eradication purposes;

21.28 (8) maintaining public accesses on infested waters to be reasonably free of aquatic  
21.29 macrophytes; and

22.1 (9) notice to travelers of the penalties for violation of laws relating to invasive species  
22.2 of aquatic plants and wild animals.

22.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 85.015, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

22.4 Subd. 10. **Luce Line Trail, Hennepin, McLeod, and Meeker Counties.** (a) The trail  
22.5 shall originate at Gleason Lake in Plymouth Village, Hennepin County, ~~and shall follow~~  
22.6 the route of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, and include a connection to Greenleaf Lake  
22.7 State Recreation Area.

22.8 (b) The trail shall be developed for multiuse wherever feasible. The department shall  
22.9 cooperate in maintaining its integrity for modes of use consistent with local ordinances.

22.10 (c) In establishing, developing, maintaining, and operating the trail, the commissioner  
22.11 shall cooperate with local units of government and private individuals and groups. Before  
22.12 acquiring any parcel of land for the trail, the commissioner of natural resources shall develop  
22.13 a management program for the parcel and conduct a public hearing on the proposed  
22.14 management program in the vicinity of the parcel to be acquired. The management program  
22.15 of the commissioner shall include but not be limited to the following:

22.16 ~~(a) (1) fencing of~~ portions of the trail where necessary to protect adjoining landowners;  
22.17 and

22.18 ~~(b) the maintenance of~~ (2) maintaining the trail in a ~~litter-free~~ litter-free condition to the  
22.19 extent practicable.

22.20 (d) The commissioner shall not acquire any of the right-of-way of the Chicago  
22.21 Northwestern Railway Company until the abandonment of the line described in this  
22.22 subdivision has been approved by the Surface Transportation Board or the former Interstate  
22.23 Commerce Commission. Compensation, in addition to the value of the land, shall include  
22.24 improvements made by the railroad, including but not limited to, bridges, trestles, public  
22.25 road crossings, or any portion thereof, it being the desire of the railroad that such  
22.26 improvements be included in the conveyance. The fair market value of the land and  
22.27 improvements shall be recommended by two independent appraisers mutually agreed upon  
22.28 by the parties. The fair market value thus recommended shall be reviewed by a review  
22.29 appraiser agreed to by the parties, and the fair market value thus determined, and supported  
22.30 by appraisals, may be the purchase price. The commissioner may exchange lands with  
22.31 landowners abutting the right-of-way described in this section to eliminate diagonally shaped  
22.32 separate fields.

23.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 85A.01, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

23.2 Subdivision 1. **Creation.** (a) The Minnesota Zoological Garden is established under the  
23.3 supervision and control of the Minnesota Zoological Board. The board consists of 30 public  
23.4 and private sector members having a background or interest in zoological societies or zoo  
23.5 management or an ability to generate community interest in the Minnesota Zoological  
23.6 Garden. Fifteen members shall be appointed by the board after consideration of a list supplied  
23.7 by board members serving on a nominating committee, and 15 members shall be appointed  
23.8 by the governor. One member of the board must be a resident of Dakota County and shall  
23.9 be appointed by the governor after consideration of the recommendation of the Dakota  
23.10 County Board. Board appointees shall not be subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

23.11 (b) To the extent possible, the board and governor shall appoint members who are  
23.12 residents of the various geographic regions of the state. Terms, compensation, and removal  
23.13 of members are as provided in section 15.0575, except that a member may be compensated  
23.14 at the rate of up to \$125 a day. In making appointments, the governor and board shall utilize  
23.15 the appointment process as provided under section 15.0597 and consider, among other  
23.16 factors, the ability of members to garner support for the Minnesota Zoological Garden.

23.17 (c) A member of the board may not be an employee of or have a direct or immediate  
23.18 family financial interest in a business that provides goods or services to the zoo. A member  
23.19 of the board may not be an employee of the zoo.

23.20 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 89A.03, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

23.21 Subd. 5. **Membership regulation.** Terms, compensation, nomination, appointment, and  
23.22 removal of council members are governed by section 15.059, except that a council member  
23.23 may be compensated at the rate of up to \$125 a day.

23.24 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 90.181, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

23.25 Subd. 2. **Deferred payments.** (a) If the amount of the statement is not paid or payment  
23.26 is not postmarked within 30 days of the statement date ~~thereof, it shall bear,~~ the amount  
23.27 bears interest at the rate determined pursuant to section 16A.124, except that the purchaser  
23.28 ~~shall not be~~ is not required to pay interest that totals \$1 or less. If the amount is not paid  
23.29 within 60 days, the commissioner shall place the account in the hands of the commissioner  
23.30 of revenue according to chapter 16D, who shall proceed to collect the ~~same~~ amount due.  
23.31 When deemed in the best interests of the state, the commissioner shall take possession of  
23.32 the timber for which an amount is due wherever it may be found and sell the ~~same~~ timber  
23.33 informally or at public auction after giving reasonable notice.

24.1 (b) The proceeds of the sale ~~shall~~ must be applied, first, to the payment of the expenses  
24.2 of seizure and sale; and, second, to the payment of the amount due for the timber, with  
24.3 interest; ~~and~~. The surplus, if any, ~~shall belong~~ belongs to the state; ~~and~~. In case a sufficient  
24.4 amount is not realized to pay these amounts in full, the balance ~~shall~~ must be collected by  
24.5 the attorney general. ~~Neither~~ Payment of the amount, ~~nor~~ the recovery of judgment ~~therefor~~  
24.6 for the amount, ~~nor~~ satisfaction of the judgment, ~~nor~~ the or seizure and sale of timber, ~~shall~~  
24.7 does not:

24.8 (1) release the sureties on any security deposit given pursuant to this chapter; ~~or~~;

24.9 (2) preclude the state from afterwards claiming that the timber was cut or removed  
24.10 contrary to law and recovering damages for the trespass thereby committed; ~~or~~

24.11 (3) preclude the state from prosecuting the offender criminally.

24.12 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97A.015, subdivision 51, is amended to read:

24.13 Subd. 51. **Unloaded.** "Unloaded" means, with reference to a firearm, without ammunition  
24.14 in the barrels and magazine, if the magazine is in the firearm. A muzzle-loading firearm  
24.15 ~~with~~ is unloaded if:

24.16 (1) for a flintlock ignition is unloaded if, it does not have priming powder in a pan. ~~A~~  
24.17 ~~muzzle-loading firearm with~~;

24.18 (2) for a percussion ignition is unloaded if, it does not have a percussion cap on a nipple; ~~;~~

24.19 (3) for an electronic ignition system, the battery is removed and is disconnected from  
24.20 the firearm; and

24.21 (4) for an encapsulated powder charge ignition system, the primer and powder charge  
24.22 are removed from the firearm.

24.23 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97A.126, as amended by Laws 2021, First  
24.24 Special Session chapter 6, article 2, section 52, is amended to read:

24.25 **97A.126 WALK-IN ACCESS PROGRAM.**

24.26 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A walk-in access program is established to provide public  
24.27 access to wildlife habitat on private land for hunting, bird-watching, nature photography,  
24.28 and similar compatible uses, excluding trapping, as provided under this section. The  
24.29 commissioner may enter into agreements with other units of government and landowners  
24.30 to provide private land hunting access.



25.1 Subd. 2. **Use of enrolled lands.** (a) From September 1 to May 31, a person must have  
25.2 a walk-in access ~~hunter~~ validation in possession to hunt, photograph, and watch wildlife on  
25.3 private lands, including agricultural lands, that are posted as being enrolled in the walk-in  
25.4 access program.

25.5 (b) Hunting, bird-watching, nature photography, and similar compatible uses on private  
25.6 lands that are posted as enrolled in the walk-in access program is allowed from one-half  
25.7 hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

25.8 (c) ~~Hunter~~ Access on private lands that are posted as enrolled in the walk-in access  
25.9 program is restricted to nonmotorized use, except by ~~hunters~~ persons with disabilities  
25.10 operating motor vehicles on established trails or field roads who ~~possess a valid permit to~~  
25.11 ~~shoot from a stationary vehicle under section 97B.055, subdivision 3~~ provide credible  
25.12 assurance to the commissioner that the device or motor boat is used because of a disability.

25.13 (d) The general provisions for use of wildlife management areas adopted under sections  
25.14 86A.06 and 97A.137, relating to overnight use, alcoholic beverages, use of motorboats,  
25.15 firearms and target shooting, hunting stands, abandonment of trash and property, destruction  
25.16 or removal of property, introduction of plants or animals, and animal trespass, apply to  
25.17 ~~hunters on~~ use of lands enrolled in the walk-in access program.

25.18 (e) Any use of enrolled lands other than ~~hunting according to~~ use authorized under this  
25.19 section is prohibited, including:

25.20 (1) harvesting bait, including minnows, leeches, and other live bait;

25.21 (2) training dogs or using dogs for activities other than hunting; and

25.22 (3) constructing or maintaining any building, dock, fence, billboard, sign, hunting blind,  
25.23 or other structure, unless constructed or maintained by the landowner.

25.24 Subd. 3. **Walk-in-access ~~hunter~~ validation; fee.** The fee for a walk-in-access ~~hunter~~  
25.25 validation is \$3.

25.26 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97A.137, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

25.27 Subd. 3. **Use of motorized vehicles by ~~disabled hunters~~ people with disabilities.** The  
25.28 commissioner may ~~issue~~ provide an accommodation by issuing a special permit, without a  
25.29 fee, authorizing a ~~hunter~~ person with a ~~permanent physical~~ disability to use a ~~snowmobile,~~  
25.30 ~~highway-licensed vehicle, all-terrain vehicle,~~ an other power-driven mobility device, as  
25.31 defined under Code of Federal Regulations, title 28, section 35.104, or a motor boat in

26.1 wildlife management areas. To qualify for a permit under this subdivision, the disabled  
26.2 person must possess:

26.3 (1) ~~the required hunting licenses; and~~

26.4 (2) ~~a permit to shoot from a stationary vehicle under section 97B.055, subdivision 3.~~

26.5 provide credible assurance to the commissioner that the device or motor boat is used because  
26.6 of a disability.

26.7 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97A.137, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

26.8 Subd. 5. **Portable stands.** (a) Prior to the Saturday on or nearest September 16, a portable  
26.9 stand may be left overnight in a wildlife management area by a person with a valid bear  
26.10 license who is hunting within 100 yards of a bear bait site that is legally tagged and registered  
26.11 as prescribed under section 97B.425. Any person leaving a portable stand overnight under  
26.12 this subdivision must affix a tag with: (1) the person's name and address; (2) the licensee's  
26.13 driver's license number; or (3) the "MDNR#" license identification number issued to the  
26.14 licensee. The tag must be affixed to the stand in a manner that it can be read from the ground.

26.15 (b) From November 1 through December 31, a portable stand may be left overnight by  
26.16 a person possessing a license to take deer in a wildlife management area located in whole  
26.17 or in part north and west of a line described as follows:

26.18 State Trunk Highway 1 from the west boundary of the state to State Trunk Highway 89;  
26.19 then north along State Trunk Highway 89 to Fourtown; then north on County State-Aid  
26.20 Highway 44, Beltrami County, to County Road 704, Beltrami County; then north on County  
26.21 Road 704 to Dick's Parkway State Forest Road; then north on Dick's Parkway to County  
26.22 State-Aid Highway 5, Roseau County; then north on County State-Aid Highway 5 to  
26.23 Warroad; then north on State Trunk Highway 11 to State Trunk Highway 313; then north  
26.24 on State Trunk Highway 313 to the north boundary of the state.

26.25 A person leaving a portable stand overnight under this paragraph must affix a tag with: (1)  
26.26 the person's name and address; (2) the licensee's driver's license number; or (3) the "MDNR#"  
26.27 license identification number issued to the licensee. The tag must be affixed to the stand so  
26.28 that it can be read from the ground and must be made of a material sufficient to withstand  
26.29 weather conditions. A person leaving a portable stand overnight in a wildlife management  
26.30 area under this paragraph may not leave more than two portable stands in any one wildlife  
26.31 management area. Unoccupied portable stands left overnight under this paragraph may be  
26.32 used by any member of the public. ~~This paragraph expires December 31, 2019.~~

27.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2019, and  
27.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.137, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), is revived and reenacted  
27.3 as of that date.

27.4 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.031, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

27.5 Subdivision 1. **Permissible firearms and ammunition; big game and wolves.** A person  
27.6 may take big game and wolves with a firearm only if:

27.7 (1) ~~the~~ any rifle, shotgun, ~~and~~ or handgun used is a caliber of at least .22 inches and ~~with~~  
27.8 has centerfire ignition;

27.9 (2) the firearm is loaded only with single projectile ammunition;

27.10 (3) a projectile used is a caliber of at least .22 inches and has a soft point or is an  
27.11 expanding bullet type;

27.12 (4) ~~the~~ any muzzleloader used ~~is incapable of being~~ has the projectile loaded only at the  
27.13 ~~breech~~ muzzle;

27.14 (5) ~~the~~ any smooth-bore muzzleloader used is a caliber of at least .45 inches; and

27.15 (6) ~~the~~ any rifled muzzleloader used is a caliber of at least .40 inches.

27.16 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.071, is amended to read:

27.17 **97B.071 CLOTHING AND GROUND BLIND REQUIREMENTS; BLAZE**  
27.18 **ORANGE OR BLAZE PINK.**

27.19 (a) Except as provided in rules adopted under paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d), a person may not hunt  
27.20 or trap during the open season where deer may be taken by firearms under applicable laws  
27.21 and ordinances, unless the visible portion of the person's cap and outer clothing above the  
27.22 waist, excluding sleeves and gloves, is blaze orange or blaze pink. Blaze orange or blaze  
27.23 pink includes a camouflage pattern of at least 50 percent blaze orange or blaze pink within  
27.24 each foot square. This section does not apply to migratory-waterfowl hunters on waters of  
27.25 this state or in a stationary shooting location or to trappers on waters of this state.

27.26 (b) Except as provided in rules adopted under paragraph (d) and in addition to the  
27.27 requirements under paragraph (a), during the open season where deer may be taken by  
27.28 firearms under applicable laws and ordinances, a person in a fabric or synthetic ground  
27.29 blind on public land must have:

27.30 (1) a blaze orange or blaze pink safety covering on the top of the blind visible for 360  
27.31 degrees around the blind; or

28.1 (2) at least 144 square inches of blaze orange or blaze pink material on each side of the  
28.2 blind.

28.3 ~~(b)~~ (c) Except as provided in rules adopted under paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d), and in addition to  
28.4 the ~~requirement~~ requirements in ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs (a) and (b), a person may not take  
28.5 small game other than turkey, migratory birds, raccoons, and predators, except while trapping,  
28.6 unless a visible portion of at least one article of the person's clothing above the waist is  
28.7 blaze orange or blaze pink. This paragraph does not apply to a person when in a stationary  
28.8 location while hunting deer by archery or when hunting small game by falconry.

28.9 ~~(e)~~ (d) The commissioner may, by rule, prescribe an alternative color in cases where  
28.10 ~~paragraph (a) or (b)~~ paragraphs (a) to (c) would violate the Religious Freedom Restoration  
28.11 Act of 1993, Public Law 103-141.

28.12 ~~(d)~~ (e) A violation of paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c) shall does not result in a penalty, but is punishable  
28.13 only by a safety warning.

28.14 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.311, is amended to read:

28.15 **97B.311 DEER SEASONS AND RESTRICTIONS.**

28.16 (a) Except as provided under paragraph (c), the commissioner may, by rule, prescribe  
28.17 restrictions and designate areas where deer may be taken, including hunter selection criteria  
28.18 for special hunts established under section 97A.401, subdivision 4. The commissioner may,  
28.19 by rule, prescribe the open seasons for deer within the following periods:

28.20 (1) taking with firearms, other than muzzle-loading firearms, between November 1 and  
28.21 December 15;

28.22 (2) taking with muzzle-loading firearms between September 1 and December 31; and

28.23 (3) taking by archery between September 1 and December 31.

28.24 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner may establish special seasons  
28.25 within designated areas at any time of year.

28.26 (c) The commissioner may not impose an antler point restriction other than that imposed  
28.27 under Minnesota Rules, part 6232.0200, subpart 6.

28.28 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.318, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

28.29 Subdivision 1. **Shotgun use area.** During the regular firearms season in the shotgun use  
28.30 area, only legal shotguns loaded with single-slug shotgun shells, legal muzzle-loading long  
28.31 guns, and legal handguns may be used for taking deer. Legal shotguns include those with

29.1 rifled barrels. ~~The shotgun use area is that portion of the state lying within the following~~  
29.2 ~~described boundary: Beginning on the west boundary of the state at the northern boundary~~  
29.3 ~~of Clay County; thence along the northern boundary of Clay County to State Trunk Highway~~  
29.4 ~~(STH) 32; thence along STH 32 to STH 34; thence along STH 34 to Interstate Highway 94~~  
29.5 ~~(I-94); thence along I-94 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 40, Douglas County; thence~~  
29.6 ~~along CSAH 40 to CSAH 82, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 82 to CSAH 22, Douglas~~  
29.7 ~~County; thence along CSAH 22 to CSAH 6, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 6 to~~  
29.8 ~~CSAH 14, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 14 to STH 29; thence along STH 29 to~~  
29.9 ~~CSAH 46, Otter Tail County; thence along CSAH 46, Otter Tail County, to CSAH 22, Todd~~  
29.10 ~~County; thence along CSAH 22 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to STH~~  
29.11 ~~27; thence along STH 27 to the Mississippi River; thence along the east bank of the~~  
29.12 ~~Mississippi River to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to STH 95; thence along STH 95 to~~  
29.13 ~~U.S. Highway 8; thence along U.S. Highway 8 to the eastern boundary of the state; thence~~  
29.14 ~~along the east, south, and west boundaries of the state to the point of beginning.~~

29.15 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.318, is amended by adding a subdivision  
29.16 to read:

29.17 Subd. 3. **Ordinances.** The county board of a county located within the shotgun ordinance  
29.18 zone may, by ordinance, elect to be included in or removed from the shotgun use area. A  
29.19 county board must adopt or amend an ordinance under this subdivision no later than April  
29.20 1 of each year.

29.21 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.318, is amended by adding a subdivision  
29.22 to read:

29.23 Subd. 4. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this  
29.24 subdivision have the meanings given.

29.25 (b) "Shotgun use area" means that portion of the state lying within the shotgun ordinance  
29.26 zone in a county that has adopted an ordinance to include the county in the shotgun use area  
29.27 under subdivision 3.

29.28 (c) "Shotgun ordinance zone" means that portion of the state lying within the following  
29.29 described boundary: Beginning on the west boundary of the state at the northern boundary  
29.30 of Clay County; thence along the northern boundary of Clay County to State Trunk Highway  
29.31 (STH) 32; thence along STH 32 to STH 34; thence along STH 34 to Interstate Highway 94  
29.32 (I-94); thence along I-94 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 40, Douglas County; thence  
29.33 along CSAH 40 to CSAH 82, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 82 to CSAH 22, Douglas

30.1 County; thence along CSAH 22 to CSAH 6, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 6 to  
30.2 CSAH 14, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 14 to STH 29; thence along STH 29 to  
30.3 CSAH 46, Otter Tail County; thence along CSAH 46, Otter Tail County, to CSAH 22, Todd  
30.4 County; thence along CSAH 22 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to STH  
30.5 27; thence along STH 27 to the Mississippi River; thence along the east bank of the  
30.6 Mississippi River to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to STH 95; thence along STH 95 to  
30.7 U.S. Highway 8; thence along U.S. Highway 8 to the eastern boundary of the state; thence  
30.8 along the east, south, and west boundaries of the state to the point of beginning.

30.9 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.668, is amended to read:

30.10 **97B.668 ~~GAME BIRDS~~ ANIMALS CAUSING DAMAGE.**

30.11 Subdivision 1. Game birds causing damage. Notwithstanding sections 97B.091 and  
30.12 97B.805, subdivisions 1 and 2, a person or agent of that person on lands and nonpublic  
30.13 waters owned or operated by the person may nonlethally scare, haze, chase, or harass game  
30.14 birds that are causing property damage or to protect a disease risk at any time or place that  
30.15 a hunting season for the game birds is not open. This section does not apply to public waters  
30.16 as defined under section 103G.005, subdivision 15. This section does not apply to migratory  
30.17 waterfowl on nests and other federally protected game birds on nests, except ducks and  
30.18 geese on nests when a permit is obtained under section 97A.401.

30.19 Subd. 2. Deer and elk causing damage. (a) Notwithstanding section 97B.091, a property  
30.20 owner, the property owner's immediate family member, or an agent of the property owner  
30.21 may nonlethally scare, haze, chase, or harass deer or elk that are causing damage to  
30.22 agricultural crops propagated under generally accepted agricultural practices.

30.23 (b) Paragraph (a) applies only:

30.24 (1) in the immediate area of the crop damage; and

30.25 (2) during the closed season for taking deer or elk.

30.26 (c) Paragraph (a) does not allow:

30.27 (1) using poisons;

30.28 (2) using dogs;

30.29 (3) conduct that drives a deer or elk to the point of exhaustion;

30.30 (4) activities requiring a permit under section 97A.401; or

30.31 (5) causing the death of a deer or elk or actions likely to cause the death of a deer or elk.

31.1 (d) A property owner or the owner's agent must report the death of any deer or elk to  
31.2 Division of Fish and Wildlife staff within 24 hours of the death if the death resulted from  
31.3 actions taken under paragraph (a).

31.4 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 103B.101, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

31.5 Subd. 2. **Voting members.** (a) The members are:

31.6 (1) three county commissioners;

31.7 (2) three soil and water conservation district supervisors;

31.8 (3) three watershed district or watershed management organization representatives;

31.9 (4) three citizens who are not employed by, or the appointed or elected officials of, a  
31.10 state governmental office, board, or agency;

31.11 (5) one township officer;

31.12 (6) two elected city officials, one of whom must be from a city located in the metropolitan  
31.13 area, as defined under section 473.121, subdivision 2;

31.14 (7) the commissioner of agriculture;

31.15 (8) the commissioner of health;

31.16 (9) the commissioner of natural resources;

31.17 (10) the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency; and

31.18 (11) the director of the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

31.19 (b) Members in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (6), must be distributed across the state  
31.20 with at least four members but not more than six members from the metropolitan area, as  
31.21 defined by section 473.121, subdivision 2.

31.22 (c) Members in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (6), are appointed by the governor. In making  
31.23 the appointments, the governor may consider persons recommended by the Association of  
31.24 Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Association of Townships, the League of Minnesota  
31.25 Cities, the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the  
31.26 Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts. The list submitted by an association must  
31.27 contain at least three nominees for each position to be filled.

31.28 (d) The membership terms, compensation, removal of members and filling of vacancies  
31.29 on the board for members in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (6), are as provided in section  
31.30 15.0575, except that a member may be compensated at the rate of up to \$125 a day.

32.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 115B.17, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

32.2 Subd. 14. **Requests for review, investigation, and oversight.** (a) The commissioner  
32.3 may, upon request, assist a person in determining whether real property has been the site  
32.4 of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The  
32.5 commissioner may also assist in, or supervise, the development and implementation of  
32.6 reasonable and necessary response actions. Assistance may include review of agency records  
32.7 and files, and review and approval of a requester's investigation plans and reports and  
32.8 response action plans and implementation.

32.9 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the person requesting assistance  
32.10 under this subdivision shall pay the agency for the agency's cost, as determined by the  
32.11 commissioner, of providing assistance. A state agency, political subdivision, or other public  
32.12 entity is not required to pay for the agency's cost to review agency records and files. ~~Money~~  
32.13 ~~received by the agency for assistance under this section~~ The first \$350,000 received annually  
32.14 by the agency for assistance under this subdivision from persons who are not otherwise  
32.15 responsible under sections 115B.01 to 115B.18 must be deposited in the remediation fund  
32.16 and is exempt from section 16A.1285. Money received after the first \$350,000 must be  
32.17 deposited in the state treasury and credited to an account in the special revenue fund. Money  
32.18 in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of administering  
32.19 this subdivision. By January 15 each year, the commissioner must submit a report to the  
32.20 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with  
32.21 jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources with the amount received and  
32.22 appropriated to the commissioner under this paragraph for administering this subdivision  
32.23 and how the money was spent.

32.24 (c) When a person investigates a release or threatened release in accordance with an  
32.25 investigation plan approved by the commissioner under this subdivision, the investigation  
32.26 does not associate that person with the release or threatened release for the purpose of section  
32.27 115B.03, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (4).

32.28 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 115B.52, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

32.29 Subd. 4. **Reporting.** The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency and the  
32.30 commissioner of natural resources must jointly submit:

32.31 (1) by April 1, 2019, an implementation plan detailing how the commissioners will:



33.1 (i) determine how the priorities in the settlement will be met and how the spending will  
33.2 move from the first priority to the second priority and the second priority to the third priority  
33.3 outlined in the settlement; and

33.4 (ii) evaluate and determine what projects receive funding;

33.5 (2) by ~~February 1 and August~~ October 1 each year, a ~~biannual~~ report to the chairs and  
33.6 ranking minority members of the legislative policy and finance committees with jurisdiction  
33.7 over environment and natural resources on expenditures from the water quality and  
33.8 sustainability account during the previous ~~six months~~ fiscal year; and

33.9 (3) by ~~August 1, 2019, and~~ October 1 each year ~~thereafter~~, a report to the legislature on  
33.10 expenditures from the water quality and sustainability account during the previous fiscal  
33.11 year and a spending plan for anticipated expenditures from the account during the current  
33.12 fiscal year.

33.13 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116C.03, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

33.14 Subd. 2a. **Public members.** The membership terms, compensation, removal, and filling  
33.15 of vacancies of public members of the board shall be as provided in section 15.0575, except  
33.16 that a public member may be compensated at the rate of up to \$125 a day.

33.17 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116P.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

33.18 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) A Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
33.19 Resources of 17 members is created in the legislative branch, consisting of the chairs of the  
33.20 house of representatives and senate committees on environment and natural resources finance  
33.21 or designees appointed for the terms of the chairs, four members of the senate appointed  
33.22 by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration, and  
33.23 four members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker.

33.24 (b) At least two members from the senate and two members from the house of  
33.25 representatives must be from the minority caucus. Members are entitled to reimbursement  
33.26 for per diem expenses plus travel expenses incurred in the services of the commission.

33.27 (c) Seven citizens are members of the commission, five appointed by the governor, one  
33.28 appointed by the Senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and  
33.29 Administration, and one appointed by the speaker of the house. The citizen members are  
33.30 selected and recommended to the appointing authorities according to subdivision 1a and  
33.31 must:

34.1 (1) have experience or expertise in the science, policy, or practice of the protection,  
34.2 conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife,  
34.3 and other natural resources;

34.4 (2) have strong knowledge in the state's environment and natural resource issues around  
34.5 the state; and

34.6 (3) have demonstrated ability to work in a collaborative environment.

34.7 (d) Members shall develop procedures to elect a chair that rotates between legislative  
34.8 and citizen members each meeting. A citizen member, a senate member, and a house of  
34.9 representatives member shall serve as chairs. The citizen members, senate members, and  
34.10 house of representatives members must select their respective chairs. The chair shall preside  
34.11 and convene meetings as often as necessary to conduct duties prescribed by this chapter.

34.12 (e) Appointed legislative members shall serve on the commission for two-year terms,  
34.13 beginning in January of each odd-numbered year and continuing through the end of December  
34.14 of the next even-numbered year. Appointed citizen members shall serve four-year terms,  
34.15 beginning in January of the first year and continuing through the end of December of the  
34.16 final year. Citizen and legislative members continue to serve until their successors are  
34.17 appointed.

34.18 (f) A citizen member may be removed by an appointing authority for cause. Vacancies  
34.19 occurring on the commission shall not affect the authority of the remaining members of the  
34.20 commission to carry out their duties, and vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the  
34.21 term in the same manner under paragraphs (a) to (c).

34.22 (g) Citizen members are entitled to per diem and reimbursement for expenses incurred  
34.23 in the services of the commission, as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 3, except that  
34.24 a citizen member may be compensated at the rate of up to \$125 a day.

34.25 (h) The governor's appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

34.26 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116U.55, is amended by adding a subdivision  
34.27 to read:

34.28 Subd. 3. **Events promotion account.** The events promotion account is established as a  
34.29 separate account in the natural resources fund. Money received under section 297A.94,  
34.30 paragraph (1), must be deposited into the events promotion account for promoting special  
34.31 events in the state. At least 50 percent of the money appropriated under this subdivision  
34.32 must be for promoting special events outside of the metropolitan area.

35.1 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 127A.353, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

35.2 Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** The governor shall select the school trust lands director on the  
35.3 basis of outstanding professional qualifications and knowledge of finance, business practices,  
35.4 minerals, forest and real estate management, and the fiduciary responsibilities of a trustee  
35.5 to the beneficiaries of a trust. The school trust lands director serves in the unclassified service  
35.6 for a term of four years. ~~The first term shall end on December 31, 2020.~~ The governor may  
35.7 remove the school trust lands director for cause. If a director resigns or is removed for cause,  
35.8 the governor shall appoint a director for the remainder of the term.

35.9 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 127A.353, subdivision 4, is amended  
35.10 to read:

35.11 Subd. 4. **Duties; powers.** (a) The school trust lands director shall:

35.12 (1) ~~take an oath of office before assuming any duties as the director~~ act in a fiduciary  
35.13 capacity for trust beneficiaries in accordance with the principles under section 127A.351;

35.14 (2) evaluate the school trust land asset position;

35.15 (3) determine the estimated current and potential market value of school trust lands;

35.16 (4) advise and provide recommendations to the governor, Executive Council,  
35.17 commissioner of natural resources, and the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission  
35.18 on the management of school trust lands, including: on school trust land management policies  
35.19 and other policies that may affect the goal of the permanent school fund under section  
35.20 127A.31;

35.21 (5) advise and provide recommendations to the Executive Council and Land Exchange  
35.22 Board on all matters regarding school trust lands presented to either body;

35.23 (6) advise and provide recommendations to the commissioner of natural resources on  
35.24 managing school trust lands, including but not limited to advice and recommendations on:

35.25 (i) Department of Natural Resources school trust land management plans;

35.26 (ii) leases of school trust lands;

35.27 (iii) royalty agreements on school trust lands;

35.28 (iv) land sales and exchanges;

35.29 (v) cost certification; and

35.30 (vi) revenue generating options;

36.1 (7) serve as temporary trustee of school trust lands for school trust lands subject to  
36.2 proposed or active eminent domain proceedings;

36.3 (8) serve as temporary trustee of school trust lands pursuant to section 94.342, subdivision  
36.4 5;

36.5 ~~(5) propose~~ (9) submit to the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission for review  
36.6 an annual budget and management plan for the director that includes proposed legislative  
36.7 changes that will improve the asset allocation of the school trust lands;

36.8 ~~(6)~~ (10) develop and implement a ten-year strategic plan and a 25-year framework for  
36.9 management of school trust lands, in conjunction with the commissioner of natural resources,  
36.10 that is updated every five years and implemented by the commissioner, with goals to:

36.11 (i) retain core real estate assets;

36.12 (ii) increase the value of the real estate assets and the cash flow from those assets;

36.13 (iii) rebalance the portfolio in assets with high performance potential and the strategic  
36.14 disposal of selected assets;

36.15 (iv) establish priorities for management actions;

36.16 (v) balance revenue enhancement and resource stewardship; and

36.17 (vi) advance strategies on school trust lands to capitalize on ecosystem services markets;  
36.18 and

36.19 ~~(7) submit to the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission for review an annual~~  
36.20 ~~budget and management plan for the director; and~~

36.21 ~~(8)~~ (11) keep the beneficiaries, governor, legislature, and the public informed about the  
36.22 work of the director by reporting to the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission  
36.23 in a public meeting at least once during each calendar quarter.

36.24 (b) In carrying out the duties under paragraph (a), the school trust lands director ~~shall~~  
36.25 ~~have the authority to~~ may:

36.26 (1) direct and control money appropriated to the director;

36.27 (2) establish job descriptions and employ ~~up to five employees in the unclassified service,~~  
36.28 staff within the limitations of money appropriated to the director;

36.29 (3) enter into interdepartmental agreements with any other state agency;

36.30 (4) enter into joint powers agreements under chapter 471;

37.1 (5) evaluate and initiate real estate development projects on school trust lands in  
37.2 conjunction with the commissioner of natural resources and with the advice of the Legislative  
37.3 Permanent School Fund Commission ~~in order~~ to generate long-term economic return to the  
37.4 permanent school fund; and

37.5 ~~(6) serve as temporary trustee of school trust land for school trust lands subject to~~  
37.6 ~~proposed or active eminent domain proceedings; and~~

37.7 ~~(7)~~ (6) submit recommendations on strategies for school trust land leases, sales, or  
37.8 exchanges to the commissioner of natural resources and the Legislative Permanent School  
37.9 Fund Commission.

37.10 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 282.08, is amended to read:

37.11 **282.08 APPORTIONMENT OF PROCEEDS TO TAXING DISTRICTS.**

37.12 The net proceeds from the sale or rental of any parcel of forfeited land, or from the sale  
37.13 of products from the forfeited land, must be apportioned by the county auditor to the taxing  
37.14 districts interested in the land, as follows:

37.15 (1) the portion required to pay any amounts included in the appraised value under section  
37.16 282.01, subdivision 3, as representing increased value due to any public improvement made  
37.17 after forfeiture of the parcel to the state, but not exceeding the amount certified by the  
37.18 appropriate governmental authority must be apportioned to the governmental subdivision  
37.19 entitled to it;

37.20 (2) the portion required to pay any amount included in the appraised value under section  
37.21 282.019, subdivision 5, representing increased value due to response actions taken after  
37.22 forfeiture of the parcel to the state, but not exceeding the amount of expenses certified by  
37.23 the Pollution Control Agency or the commissioner of agriculture, must be apportioned to  
37.24 the agency or the commissioner of agriculture and deposited in the fund from which the  
37.25 expenses were paid;

37.26 (3) the portion of the remainder required to discharge any special assessment chargeable  
37.27 against the parcel for drainage or other purpose whether due or deferred at the time of  
37.28 forfeiture, must be apportioned to the governmental subdivision entitled to it; and

37.29 (4) any balance must be apportioned as follows:

37.30 (i) The county board may annually by resolution set aside no more than 30 percent of  
37.31 the receipts remaining to be used for forest development on tax-forfeited land and dedicated

38.1 memorial forests, to be expended under the supervision of the county board. It must be  
38.2 expended only on projects improving the health and management of the forest resource.

38.3 (ii) The county board may annually by resolution set aside no more than 20 percent of  
38.4 the receipts remaining to be used for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks or  
38.5 recreational areas as defined in sections 398.31 to 398.36, to be expended under the  
38.6 supervision of the county board.

38.7 (iii) The county board may by resolution set aside up to 100 percent of the receipts  
38.8 remaining to be used:

38.9 (A) according to section 282.09, subdivision 2;

38.10 (B) for remediating contamination at tax-forfeited properties; or

38.11 (C) for correcting blighted conditions at tax-forfeited properties.

38.12 An election made under this item is effective for a minimum of five years, unless the county  
38.13 board specifies a shorter duration.

38.14 (iv) Any balance remaining must be apportioned as follows: county, 40 percent; town  
38.15 or city, 20 percent; and school district, 40 percent, provided, however, that in unorganized  
38.16 territory that portion which would have accrued to the township must be administered by  
38.17 the county board of commissioners.

38.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

38.19 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 297A.94, as amended by Laws 2022, chapter  
38.20 55, article 1, section 142, is amended to read:

38.21 **297A.94 DEPOSIT OF REVENUES.**

38.22 (a) Except as provided in this section, the commissioner shall deposit the revenues,  
38.23 including interest and penalties, derived from the taxes imposed by this chapter in the state  
38.24 treasury and credit them to the general fund.

38.25 (b) The commissioner shall deposit taxes in the Minnesota agricultural and economic  
38.26 account in the special revenue fund if:

38.27 (1) the taxes are derived from sales and use of property and services purchased for the  
38.28 construction and operation of an agricultural resource project; and

38.29 (2) the purchase was made on or after the date on which a conditional commitment was  
38.30 made for a loan guaranty for the project under section 41A.04, subdivision 3.

39.1 The commissioner of management and budget shall certify to the commissioner the date on  
39.2 which the project received the conditional commitment. The amount deposited in the loan  
39.3 guaranty account must be reduced by any refunds and by the costs incurred by the Department  
39.4 of Revenue to administer and enforce the assessment and collection of the taxes.

39.5 (c) The commissioner shall deposit the revenues, including interest and penalties, derived  
39.6 from the taxes imposed on sales and purchases included in section 297A.61, subdivision 3,  
39.7 paragraph (g), clauses (1) and (4), in the state treasury, and credit them as follows:

39.8 (1) first to the general obligation special tax bond debt service account in each fiscal  
39.9 year the amount required by section 16A.661, subdivision 3, paragraph (b); and

39.10 (2) after the requirements of clause (1) have been met, the balance to the general fund.

39.11 (d) Beginning with sales taxes remitted after July 1, 2017, the commissioner shall deposit  
39.12 in the state treasury the revenues collected under section 297A.64, subdivision 1, including  
39.13 interest and penalties and minus refunds, and credit them to the highway user tax distribution  
39.14 fund.

39.15 (e) The commissioner shall deposit the revenues, including interest and penalties,  
39.16 collected under section 297A.64, subdivision 5, in the state treasury and credit them to the  
39.17 general fund. By July 15 of each year the commissioner shall transfer to the highway user  
39.18 tax distribution fund an amount equal to the excess fees collected under section 297A.64,  
39.19 subdivision 5, for the previous calendar year.

39.20 (f) Beginning with sales taxes remitted after July 1, 2017, in conjunction with the deposit  
39.21 of revenues under paragraph (d), the commissioner shall deposit into the state treasury and  
39.22 credit to the highway user tax distribution fund an amount equal to the estimated revenues  
39.23 derived from the tax rate imposed under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, on the lease or  
39.24 rental for not more than 28 days of rental motor vehicles subject to section 297A.64. The  
39.25 commissioner shall estimate the amount of sales tax revenue deposited under this paragraph  
39.26 based on the amount of revenue deposited under paragraph (d).

39.27 (g) The commissioner shall deposit an amount of the remittances monthly into the state  
39.28 treasury and credit them to the highway user tax distribution fund as a portion of the estimated  
39.29 amount of taxes collected from the sale and purchase of motor vehicle repair and replacement  
39.30 parts in that month. The monthly deposit amount is \$12,137,000. For purposes of this  
39.31 paragraph, "motor vehicle" has the meaning given in section 297B.01, subdivision 11, and  
39.32 "motor vehicle repair and replacement parts" includes (i) all parts, tires, accessories, and  
39.33 equipment incorporated into or affixed to the motor vehicle as part of the motor vehicle  
39.34 maintenance and repair, and (ii) paint, oil, and other fluids that remain on or in the motor

40.1 vehicle as part of the motor vehicle maintenance or repair. For purposes of this paragraph,  
40.2 "tire" means any tire of the type used on highway vehicles, if wholly or partially made of  
40.3 rubber and if marked according to federal regulations for highway use.

40.4 (h) ~~72.43~~ 76 percent of the revenues, including interest and penalties, transmitted to the  
40.5 commissioner under section 297A.65, must be deposited by the commissioner in the state  
40.6 treasury as follows:

40.7 (1) 50 percent of the receipts must be deposited in the heritage enhancement account in  
40.8 the game and fish fund, and may be spent only on activities that improve, enhance, or protect  
40.9 fish and wildlife resources, including conservation, restoration, and enhancement of land,  
40.10 water, and other natural resources of the state;

40.11 (2) 22.5 percent of the receipts must be deposited in the natural resources fund, and may  
40.12 be spent only for state parks and trails;

40.13 (3) 22.5 percent of the receipts must be deposited in the natural resources fund, and may  
40.14 be spent only on metropolitan park and trail grants;

40.15 (4) three percent of the receipts must be deposited in the natural resources fund, and  
40.16 may be spent only on local trail grants; and

40.17 (5) two percent of the receipts must be deposited in the natural resources fund, and may  
40.18 be spent only for the Minnesota Zoological Garden, the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory,  
40.19 and the Duluth Zoo.

40.20 (i) The revenue dedicated under paragraph (h) may not be used as a substitute for  
40.21 traditional sources of funding for the purposes specified, but the dedicated revenue shall  
40.22 supplement traditional sources of funding for those purposes. Land acquired with money  
40.23 deposited in the game and fish fund under paragraph (h) must be open to public hunting  
40.24 and fishing during the open season, except that in aquatic management areas or on lands  
40.25 where angling easements have been acquired, fishing may be prohibited during certain times  
40.26 of the year and hunting may be prohibited. At least 87 percent of the money deposited in  
40.27 the game and fish fund for improvement, enhancement, or protection of fish and wildlife  
40.28 resources under paragraph (h) must be allocated for field operations.

40.29 (j) The commissioner must deposit the revenues, including interest and penalties minus  
40.30 any refunds, derived from the sale of items regulated under section 624.20, subdivision 1,  
40.31 that may be sold to persons 18 years old or older and that are not prohibited from use by  
40.32 the general public under section 624.21, in the state treasury and credit:



41.1 (1) 25 percent to the volunteer fire assistance grant account established under section  
41.2 88.068;

41.3 (2) 25 percent to the fire safety account established under section 297I.06, subdivision  
41.4 3; and

41.5 (3) the remainder to the general fund.

41.6 For purposes of this paragraph, the percentage of total sales and use tax revenue derived  
41.7 from the sale of items regulated under section 624.20, subdivision 1, that are allowed to be  
41.8 sold to persons 18 years old or older and are not prohibited from use by the general public  
41.9 under section 624.21, is a set percentage of the total sales and use tax revenues collected in  
41.10 the state, with the percentage determined under Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter  
41.11 1, article 3, section 39.

41.12 (k) The revenues deposited under paragraphs (a) to (j) do not include the revenues,  
41.13 including interest and penalties, generated by the sales tax imposed under section 297A.62,  
41.14 subdivision 1a, which must be deposited as provided under the Minnesota Constitution,  
41.15 article XI, section 15.

41.16 (l) One percent of the revenues, including interest and penalties, transmitted to the  
41.17 commissioner under section 297A.65, must be deposited in the state treasury and credited  
41.18 to the events promotion account under section 116U.55, subdivision 3.

41.19 **Sec. 31. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGISTRATION SYSTEM.**

41.20 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
41.21 the meanings given.

41.22 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

41.23 (c) "DNR" means the Department of Natural Resources.

41.24 (d) "DNR registration system" means the current Department of Natural Resources  
41.25 system for boat, all-terrain vehicle, and snowmobile registrations.

41.26 Subd. 2. **Request for proposals; scoring preference.** When the commissioner issues  
41.27 a request for proposals to replace the DNR registration system and scores the responses to  
41.28 the request for proposals, the commissioner may give a preference to a software vendor that  
41.29 currently provides vehicle registration software to the state in an amount commensurate  
41.30 with the commissioner's assessments of the benefits of using an existing software vendor.

41.31 Subd. 3. **Report to legislature.** Within 45 days after a vendor has been selected to  
41.32 provide software to replace the DNR registration system, the commissioner must report to

42.1 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
42.2 over transportation policy and finance and natural resources policy and finance. At a  
42.3 minimum, the commissioner must include in the report:

42.4 (1) the names of all vendors who submitted a proposal;

42.5 (2) which vendor was selected;

42.6 (3) the estimated timeline for implementing the new registration system;

42.7 (4) if a preference was given as described in subdivision 2, what the preference was and  
42.8 how the commissioner arrived at that number; and

42.9 (5) if a software vendor that currently provides vehicle registration software to the state  
42.10 submitted a proposal and that vendor was not selected, an explanation of why that vendor  
42.11 was not selected.

42.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

42.13 Sec. 32. **WEST NEWTON SPECIAL USE DISTRICT; WABASHA COUNTY.**

42.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 394.36, subdivision 4; Minnesota Rules,  
42.15 part 6120.5800, subpart 3; or any other law to the contrary, an existing structure in the West  
42.16 Newton Special Use District may be expanded. The expansion must follow the requirements  
42.17 for expansions of structures in the West Newton Special Use District as provided in the  
42.18 Wabasha County floodplain management ordinance in effect on January 1, 2022.

42.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the governing body of  
42.20 Wabasha County and its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with  
42.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

42.22 Sec. 33. **PETROLEUM TANK RELEASE CLEANUP; REPORT TO**  
42.23 **LEGISLATURE.**

42.24 The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must perform the duties under clauses  
42.25 (1) to (5) with respect to the petroleum tank release cleanup program governed by Minnesota  
42.26 Statutes, chapter 115C, and must, no later than March 15, 2023, report the results to the  
42.27 chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees  
42.28 with primary jurisdiction over environment policy and finance. The report must include any  
42.29 recommendations for legislation. The commissioner must:

42.30 (1) explicitly define the conditions that must be present in order for the commissioner  
42.31 to classify a site as posing a low potential risk to public health and the environment and

43.1 ensure that all agency staff use the definition in assessing potential risks. In determining  
43.2 the conditions that indicate that a site poses a low risk, the commissioner must consider the  
43.3 biodegradable nature of the petroleum contaminants found at the site and relevant site  
43.4 conditions, including but not limited to the nature of groundwater flow, soil type, and  
43.5 proximity of features at or near the site that could potentially become contaminated;

43.6 (2) develop guidelines to incorporate consideration of potential future uses of a  
43.7 contaminated property into all agency staff decisions regarding site remediation;

43.8 (3) develop measurable objectives that allow the quality of the agency's performance in  
43.9 remediating petroleum-contaminated properties to be evaluated and conduct such evaluations  
43.10 periodically;

43.11 (4) in collaboration with the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board and the  
43.12 commissioner of commerce, examine whether and how to establish technical qualifications  
43.13 for consultants hired to remediate petroleum-contaminated properties as a strategy to improve  
43.14 the quality of remediation work, and how agencies can share information on consultant  
43.15 performance; and

43.16 (5) in collaboration with the commissioner of commerce, make consultants who remediate  
43.17 petroleum-contaminated sites more accountable for the quality of their work by:

43.18 (i) developing a formal system of measures and procedures by which to evaluate the  
43.19 work; and

43.20 (ii) sharing evaluations with the commissioner of commerce and with responsible parties.

43.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

43.22 **Sec. 34. PERSON WITH A DISABILITY; RULEMAKING.**

43.23 (a) The commissioner of natural resources must amend Minnesota Rules, part 6230.0250,  
43.24 subpart 10, item A, subitem (2), by changing the word "hunter" to "person."

43.25 (b) The commissioner may use the good-cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes,  
43.26 section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota  
43.27 Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section  
43.28 14.388.

44.1       Sec. 35. **RED RIVER OF THE NORTH; ADAPTIVE PHOSPHORUS**  
44.2 **MANAGEMENT FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT.**

44.3       Subdivision 1. Assessment contents. The Red River Basin Commission must facilitate  
44.4 the development of a feasibility assessment of adaptive phosphorus management for the  
44.5 Red River of the North. The commission may contract with outside experts or academic  
44.6 institutions in developing the assessment. The assessment:

- 44.7       (1) must address applicable water quality targets for phosphorous loading;  
44.8       (2) must include an allocation of phosphorus between point and nonpoint sources;  
44.9       (3) must identify cost-effective nutrient reduction implementation strategies; and  
44.10      (4) may include other state water quality goals and objectives.

44.11      Subd. 2. Advisory group. In developing the assessment, the Red River Basin Commission  
44.12 shall work in cooperation with an advisory group consisting of representatives from the  
44.13 Minnesota Agricultural Water Resource Center, the Red River Watershed Management  
44.14 Board, other agricultural groups, soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts,  
44.15 cities, and other Minnesota organizations represented on the board of directors of the Red  
44.16 River Basin Commission. The Red River Basin Commission may also work with  
44.17 representatives from similar organizations from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba.

44.18      Subd. 3. Reporting. By June 30, 2024, the Red River Basin Commission must submit  
44.19 the final assessment to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of  
44.20 representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance.  
44.21 By December 31 of each year prior to the submission of the final assessment, the commission  
44.22 must submit a progress report on the assessment's development to these same recipients.

44.23      Sec. 36. **TIMING OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES FOR INCLUSION IN THE**  
44.24 **SHOTGUN USE AREA.**

44.25      Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.318, subdivision 3, a county board  
44.26 located within the shotgun ordinance zone may elect to be included in the shotgun use area  
44.27 by adopting an ordinance under that subdivision no later than August 1, 2022.

44.28      Sec. 37. **REPEALER.**

- 44.29      (a) Minnesota Rules, part 6232.0350, is repealed.  
44.30      (b) Laws 2013, chapter 121, section 53, is repealed.

45.1 **ARTICLE 3**

45.2 **STATE LANDS**

45.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 84.63, is amended to read:

45.4 **84.63 CONVEYING INTERESTS IN LANDS TO STATE, FEDERAL, AND**  
45.5 **TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.**

45.6 (a) Notwithstanding any existing law to the contrary, the commissioner of natural  
45.7 resources is hereby authorized on behalf of the state to convey to the United States, to a  
45.8 federally recognized Indian Tribe, or to the state of Minnesota or any of its subdivisions,  
45.9 upon state-owned lands under the administration of the commissioner of natural resources,  
45.10 permanent or temporary easements for specified periods or otherwise for trails, highways,  
45.11 roads including limitation of right of access from the lands to adjacent highways and roads,  
45.12 flowage for development of fish and game resources, stream protection, flood control, and  
45.13 necessary appurtenances thereto, such conveyances to be made upon such terms and  
45.14 conditions including provision for reversion in the event of non-user as the commissioner  
45.15 of natural resources may determine.

45.16 (b) In addition to the fee for the market value of the easement, the commissioner of  
45.17 natural resources shall assess the applicant the following fees:

45.18 (1) an application fee of \$2,000 to cover reasonable costs for reviewing the application  
45.19 and preparing the easement; and

45.20 (2) a monitoring fee to cover the projected reasonable costs for monitoring the  
45.21 construction of the improvement for which the easement was conveyed and preparing special  
45.22 terms and conditions for the easement. The commissioner must give the applicant an estimate  
45.23 of the monitoring fee before the applicant submits the fee.

45.24 (c) The applicant shall pay these fees to the commissioner of natural resources. The  
45.25 commissioner shall not issue the easement until the applicant has paid in full the application  
45.26 fee, the monitoring fee, and the market value payment for the easement.

45.27 (d) Upon completion of construction of the improvement for which the easement was  
45.28 conveyed, the commissioner shall refund the unobligated balance from the monitoring fee  
45.29 revenue. The commissioner shall not return the application fee, even if the application is  
45.30 withdrawn or denied.

45.31 (e) Money received under paragraph (b) must be deposited in the land management  
45.32 account in the natural resources fund and is appropriated to the commissioner of natural  
45.33 resources to cover the reasonable costs incurred for issuing and monitoring easements.

46.1 (f) A county or joint county regional railroad authority is exempt from all fees specified  
46.2 under this section for trail easements on state-owned land.

46.3 (g) In addition to fees specified in this section, the applicant must reimburse the state  
46.4 for costs incurred for cultural resources review, monitoring, or other services provided by  
46.5 the Minnesota Historical Society under contract with the commissioner of natural resources  
46.6 or the State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Administration in connection  
46.7 with the easement application, preparing the easement terms, or constructing the trail,  
46.8 highway, road, or other improvements.

46.9 (h) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (g), the commissioner of natural resources may  
46.10 elect to assume the application fee under paragraph (b), clause (1), and waive or assume  
46.11 some or all of the remaining fees and costs imposed under this section if the commissioner  
46.12 determines that issuing the easement will benefit the state's land management interests.

46.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 84.631, is amended to read:

46.14 **84.631 ROAD EASEMENTS ACROSS STATE LANDS.**

46.15 (a) Except as provided in section 85.015, subdivision 1b, the commissioner of natural  
46.16 resources, on behalf of the state, may convey a road easement across state land under the  
46.17 commissioner's jurisdiction to a private person requesting an easement for access to property  
46.18 owned by the person only if the following requirements are met: (1) there are no reasonable  
46.19 alternatives to obtain access to the property; and (2) the exercise of the easement will not  
46.20 cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts.

46.21 (b) The commissioner shall:

46.22 (1) require the applicant to pay the market value of the easement;

46.23 (2) limit the easement term to 50 years if the road easement is across school trust land;

46.24 (3) provide that the easement reverts to the state in the event of nonuse; and

46.25 (4) impose other terms and conditions of use as necessary and appropriate under the  
46.26 circumstances.

46.27 (c) An applicant shall submit an application fee of \$2,000 with each application for a  
46.28 road easement across state land. The application fee is nonrefundable, even if the application  
46.29 is withdrawn or denied.

46.30 (d) In addition to the payment for the market value of the easement and the application  
46.31 fee, the commissioner of natural resources shall assess the applicant a monitoring fee to  
46.32 cover the projected reasonable costs for monitoring the construction of the road and preparing

47.1 special terms and conditions for the easement. The commissioner must give the applicant  
47.2 an estimate of the monitoring fee before the applicant submits the fee. The applicant shall  
47.3 pay the application and monitoring fees to the commissioner of natural resources. The  
47.4 commissioner shall not issue the easement until the applicant has paid in full the application  
47.5 fee, the monitoring fee, and the market value payment for the easement.

47.6 (e) Upon completion of construction of the road, the commissioner shall refund the  
47.7 unobligated balance from the monitoring fee revenue.

47.8 (f) Fees collected under paragraphs (c) and (d) must be credited to the land management  
47.9 account in the natural resources fund and are appropriated to the commissioner of natural  
47.10 resources to cover the reasonable costs incurred under this section.

47.11 (g) In addition to fees specified in this section, the applicant must reimburse the state  
47.12 for costs incurred for cultural resources review, monitoring, or other services provided by  
47.13 the Minnesota Historical Society under contract with the commissioner of natural resources  
47.14 or the State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Administration in connection  
47.15 with the easement application, preparing the easement terms, or constructing the road.

47.16 (h) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (g), the commissioner of natural resources may  
47.17 elect to assume the application fee under paragraph (c) and waive or assume some or all of  
47.18 the remaining fees and costs imposed under this section if the commissioner determines  
47.19 that issuing the easement will benefit the state's land management interests.

47.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84.632, is amended to read:

47.21 **84.632 CONVEYANCE OF UNNEEDED STATE EASEMENTS.**

47.22 (a) Notwithstanding section 92.45, the commissioner of natural resources may, in the  
47.23 name of the state, release all or part of an easement acquired by the state upon application  
47.24 of a landowner whose property is burdened with the easement if the easement is not needed  
47.25 for state purposes.

47.26 (b) All or part of an easement may be released by payment of the market value of the  
47.27 easement. The release must be in a form approved by the attorney general.

47.28 (c) Money received under paragraph (b) must be credited to the account from which  
47.29 money was expended for purchase of the easement. If there is no specific account, the money  
47.30 must be credited to the land acquisition account established in section 94.165.

47.31 (d) In addition to payment under paragraph (b), the commissioner of natural resources  
47.32 shall assess a landowner who applies for a release under this section an application fee of

48.1 \$2,000 for reviewing the application and preparing the release of easement. The applicant  
48.2 shall pay the application fee to the commissioner of natural resources. The commissioner  
48.3 shall not issue the release of easement until the applicant has paid the application fee in full.  
48.4 The commissioner shall not return the application fee, even if the application is withdrawn  
48.5 or denied.

48.6 (e) Money received under paragraph (d) must be credited to the land management account  
48.7 in the natural resources fund and is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources  
48.8 to cover the reasonable costs incurred under this section.

48.9 (f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (e), the commissioner of natural resources may  
48.10 elect to assume the application fee under paragraph (d) and waive or assume some or all of  
48.11 the remaining fees and costs imposed under this section if the commissioner determines  
48.12 that issuing the easement release will benefit the state's land management interests.

48.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 92.502, is amended to read:

48.14 **92.502 LEASING TAX-FORFEITED AND STATE LANDS.**

48.15 (a) Notwithstanding section 282.04 or other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may  
48.16 enter a 30-year lease of tax-forfeited land for a wind energy project.

48.17 (b) The commissioner of natural resources may enter a 30-year lease of land administered  
48.18 by the commissioner for a wind energy project.

48.19 (c) The commissioner of natural resources may enter a 30-year lease of land administered  
48.20 by the commissioner for recreational trails ~~and~~ or facilities. The commissioner may assess  
48.21 the lease applicant a monitoring fee to cover the projected reasonable costs of monitoring  
48.22 construction of the recreational trail or facility and preparing special terms and conditions  
48.23 of the license to ensure proper construction. The commissioner must give the applicant an  
48.24 estimate of the monitoring fee before the applicant is required to submit the fee. Upon  
48.25 completion of construction of the trail or facility, the commissioner must refund the  
48.26 unobligated balance from the monitoring fee revenue.

48.27 (d) Notwithstanding section 282.04 or other law to the contrary, Lake and St. Louis  
48.28 Counties may enter into 30-year leases of tax-forfeited land for recreational trails and  
48.29 facilities.

48.30 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 282.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

48.31 Subdivision 1. **Timber sales; land leases and uses.** (a) The county auditor, with terms  
48.32 and conditions set by the county board, may sell timber upon any tract that may be approved



49.1 by the natural resources commissioner. The sale of timber shall be made for cash at not less  
49.2 than the appraised value determined by the county board to the highest bidder after not less  
49.3 than one week's published notice in an official paper within the county. Any timber offered  
49.4 at the public sale and not sold may thereafter be sold at private sale by the county auditor  
49.5 at not less than the appraised value thereof, until the time as the county board may withdraw  
49.6 the timber from sale. The appraised value of the timber and the forestry practices to be  
49.7 followed in the cutting of said timber shall be approved by the commissioner of natural  
49.8 resources.

49.9 (b) Payment of the full sale price of all timber sold on tax-forfeited lands shall be made  
49.10 in cash at the time of the timber sale, except in the case of oral or sealed bid auction sales,  
49.11 the down payment shall be no less than 15 percent of the appraised value, and the balance  
49.12 shall be paid prior to entry. In the case of auction sales that are partitioned and sold as a  
49.13 single sale with predetermined cutting blocks, the down payment shall be no less than 15  
49.14 percent of the appraised price of the entire timber sale which may be held until the satisfactory  
49.15 completion of the sale or applied in whole or in part to the final cutting block. The value of  
49.16 each separate block must be paid in full before any cutting may begin in that block. With  
49.17 the permission of the county contract administrator the purchaser may enter unpaid blocks  
49.18 and cut necessary timber incidental to developing logging roads as may be needed to log  
49.19 other blocks provided that no timber may be removed from an unpaid block until separately  
49.20 scaled and paid for. If payment is provided as specified in this paragraph as security under  
49.21 paragraph (a) and no cutting has taken place on the contract, the county auditor may credit  
49.22 the security provided, less any down payment required for an auction sale under this  
49.23 paragraph, to any other contract issued to the contract holder by the county under this chapter  
49.24 to which the contract holder requests in writing that it be credited, provided the request and  
49.25 transfer is made within the same calendar year as the security was received.

49.26 (c) The county board may sell any timber, including biomass, as appraised or scaled.  
49.27 Any parcels of land from which timber is to be sold by scale of cut products shall be so  
49.28 designated in the published notice of sale under paragraph (a), in which case the notice shall  
49.29 contain a description of the parcels, a statement of the estimated quantity of each species  
49.30 of timber, and the appraised price of each species of timber for 1,000 feet, per cord or per  
49.31 piece, as the case may be. In those cases any bids offered over and above the appraised  
49.32 prices shall be by percentage, the percent bid to be added to the appraised price of each of  
49.33 the different species of timber advertised on the land. The purchaser of timber from the  
49.34 parcels shall pay in cash at the time of sale at the rate bid for all of the timber shown in the  
49.35 notice of sale as estimated to be standing on the land, and in addition shall pay at the same

50.1 rate for any additional amounts which the final scale shows to have been cut or was available  
50.2 for cutting on the land at the time of sale under the terms of the sale. Where the final scale  
50.3 of cut products shows that less timber was cut or was available for cutting under terms of  
50.4 the sale than was originally paid for, the excess payment shall be refunded from the forfeited  
50.5 tax sale fund upon the claim of the purchaser, to be audited and allowed by the county board  
50.6 as in case of other claims against the county. No timber, except hardwood pulpwood, may  
50.7 be removed from the parcels of land or other designated landings until scaled by a person  
50.8 or persons designated by the county board and approved by the commissioner of natural  
50.9 resources. Landings other than the parcel of land from which timber is cut may be designated  
50.10 for scaling by the county board by written agreement with the purchaser of the timber. The  
50.11 county board may, by written agreement with the purchaser and with a consumer designated  
50.12 by the purchaser when the timber is sold by the county auditor, and with the approval of  
50.13 the commissioner of natural resources, accept the consumer's scale of cut products delivered  
50.14 at the consumer's landing. No timber shall be removed until fully paid for in cash. Small  
50.15 amounts of timber not exceeding 500 cords in appraised volume may be sold for not less  
50.16 than the full appraised value at private sale to individual persons without first publishing  
50.17 notice of sale or calling for bids, provided that in case of a sale involving a total appraised  
50.18 value of more than \$200 the sale shall be made subject to final settlement on the basis of a  
50.19 scale of cut products in the manner above provided and not more than two of the sales,  
50.20 directly or indirectly to any individual shall be in effect at one time.

50.21 (d) As directed by the county board, the county auditor may lease tax-forfeited land to  
50.22 individuals, corporations or organized subdivisions of the state at public or private sale, and  
50.23 at the prices and under the terms as the county board may prescribe, for use as cottage and  
50.24 camp sites and for agricultural purposes and for the purpose of taking and removing of hay,  
50.25 stumpage, sand, gravel, clay, rock, marl, and black dirt from the land, and for garden sites  
50.26 and other temporary uses provided that no leases shall be for a period to exceed ~~ten~~ 25 years;  
50.27 provided, further that any leases involving a consideration of more than ~~\$12,000~~ \$50,000  
50.28 per year, except to an organized subdivision of the state shall first be offered at public sale  
50.29 in the manner provided herein for sale of timber. Upon the sale of any leased land, it shall  
50.30 remain subject to the lease for not to exceed one year from the beginning of the term of the  
50.31 lease. Any rent paid by the lessee for the portion of the term cut off by the cancellation shall  
50.32 be refunded from the forfeited tax sale fund upon the claim of the lessee, to be audited and  
50.33 allowed by the county board as in case of other claims against the county.

50.34 (e) As directed by the county board, the county auditor may lease tax-forfeited land to  
50.35 individuals, corporations, or organized subdivisions of the state at public or private sale, at

51.1 the prices and under the terms as the county board may prescribe, for the purpose of taking  
51.2 and removing for use for road construction and other purposes tax-forfeited stockpiled  
51.3 iron-bearing material. The county auditor must determine that the material is needed and  
51.4 suitable for use in the construction or maintenance of a road, tailings basin, settling basin,  
51.5 dike, dam, bank fill, or other works on public or private property, and that the use would  
51.6 be in the best interests of the public. No lease shall exceed ten years. The use of a stockpile  
51.7 for these purposes must first be approved by the commissioner of natural resources. The  
51.8 request shall be deemed approved unless the requesting county is notified to the contrary  
51.9 by the commissioner of natural resources within six months after receipt of a request for  
51.10 approval for use of a stockpile. Once use of a stockpile has been approved, the county may  
51.11 continue to lease it for these purposes until approval is withdrawn by the commissioner of  
51.12 natural resources.

51.13 (f) The county auditor, with the approval of the county board is authorized to grant  
51.14 permits, licenses, and leases to tax-forfeited lands for the depositing of stripping, lean ores,  
51.15 tailings, or waste products from mines or ore milling plants, or to use for facilities needed  
51.16 to recover iron-bearing oxides from tailings basins or stockpiles, or for a buffer area needed  
51.17 for a mining operation, upon the conditions and for the consideration and for the period of  
51.18 time, not exceeding 25 years, as the county board may determine. The permits, licenses, or  
51.19 leases are subject to approval by the commissioner of natural resources.

51.20 (g) Any person who removes any timber from tax-forfeited land before said timber has  
51.21 been scaled and fully paid for as provided in this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor.

51.22 (h) The county auditor may, with the approval of the county board, and without first  
51.23 offering at public sale, grant leases, for a term not exceeding 25 years, for the removal of  
51.24 peat and for the production or removal of farm-grown closed-loop biomass as defined in  
51.25 section 216B.2424, subdivision 1, or short-rotation woody crops from tax-forfeited lands  
51.26 upon the terms and conditions as the county board may prescribe. Any lease for the removal  
51.27 of peat, farm-grown closed-loop biomass, or short-rotation woody crops from tax-forfeited  
51.28 lands must first be reviewed and approved by the commissioner of natural resources if the  
51.29 lease covers 320 or more acres. No lease for the removal of peat, farm-grown closed-loop  
51.30 biomass, or short-rotation woody crops shall be made by the county auditor pursuant to this  
51.31 section without first holding a public hearing on the auditor's intention to lease. One printed  
51.32 notice in a legal newspaper in the county at least ten days before the hearing, and posted  
51.33 notice in the courthouse at least 20 days before the hearing shall be given of the hearing.

51.34 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (c) to the contrary, the St. Louis County  
51.35 auditor may, at the discretion of the county board, sell timber to the party who bids the

52.1 highest price for all the several kinds of timber, as provided for sales by the commissioner  
52.2 of natural resources under section 90.14. Bids offered over and above the appraised price  
52.3 need not be applied proportionately to the appraised price of each of the different species  
52.4 of timber.

52.5 (j) In lieu of any payment or deposit required in paragraph (b), as directed by the county  
52.6 board and under terms set by the county board, the county auditor may accept an irrevocable  
52.7 bank letter of credit in the amount equal to the amount otherwise determined in paragraph  
52.8 (b). If an irrevocable bank letter of credit is provided under this paragraph, at the written  
52.9 request of the purchaser, the county may periodically allow the bank letter of credit to be  
52.10 reduced by an amount proportionate to the value of timber that has been harvested and for  
52.11 which the county has received payment. The remaining amount of the bank letter of credit  
52.12 after a reduction under this paragraph must not be less than 20 percent of the value of the  
52.13 timber purchased. If an irrevocable bank letter of credit or cash deposit is provided for the  
52.14 down payment required in paragraph (b), and no cutting of timber has taken place on the  
52.15 contract for which a letter of credit has been provided, the county may allow the transfer  
52.16 of the letter of credit to any other contract issued to the contract holder by the county under  
52.17 this chapter to which the contract holder requests in writing that it be credited.

52.18 (k) As directed by the county board, the county auditor may lease tax-forfeited land  
52.19 under the terms and conditions prescribed by the county board for the purposes of  
52.20 investigating, analyzing, and developing conservation easements that provide ecosystem  
52.21 services.

52.22 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 282.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
52.23 read:

52.24 Subd. 4b. **Conservation easements.** The county auditor, with prior review and  
52.25 consultation with the commissioner of natural resources and under the terms and conditions  
52.26 prescribed by the county board, including reversion in the event of nonuse, may convey  
52.27 conservation easements as defined in section 84C.01 on tax-forfeited land.

52.28 Sec. 7. **ADDITION TO STATE PARK.**

52.29 [85.012] [Subd. 27.] Myre-Big Island State Park, Freeborn County. The following  
52.30 area is added to Myre-Big Island State Park, Freeborn County: all that part of the Northeast  
52.31 Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 102 North, Range 21 West of the  
52.32 5th principal meridian, lying South of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway,  
52.33 and subject to road easement on the easterly side thereof.

53.1 Sec. 8. DELETION FROM STATE FOREST.

53.2 [89.021] [Subd. 13.] Cloquet Valley State Forest. The following areas are deleted from  
53.3 Cloquet Valley State Forest:

53.4 (1) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 52 North, Range 16 West, described as  
53.5 follows:

53.6 (i) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,  
53.7 Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,  
53.8 Section 21;

53.9 (ii) Government Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and the Northeast Quarter of the  
53.10 Northwest Quarter and Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 22;

53.11 (iii) Government Lot 3, Section 23;

53.12 (iv) Government Lot 2, Section 24;

53.13 (v) Government Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, Section 25;

53.14 (vi) Government Lot 1, Section 26;

53.15 (vii) Government Lots 2 and 7, Section 26;

53.16 (viii) Government Lots 3 and 4, Section 27, reserving unto grantor and grantor's  
53.17 successors and assigns a 66-foot-wide access road easement across said Government Lot 3  
53.18 for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or assign's land and grantor's  
53.19 presently owned land that may be sold, assigned, or transferred in Government Lot 1, Section  
53.20 27, said access road being measured 33 feet from each side of the centerline of that road  
53.21 that is presently existing at various widths and running in a generally  
53.22 southwesterly-northeasterly direction;

53.23 (ix) Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 28;

53.24 (x) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and 5 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter  
53.25 and Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 29;

53.26 (xi) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Section 31, reserving unto grantor and grantor's  
53.27 successors and assigns a 66-foot-wide access road easement across said Government Lots  
53.28 1, 2, and 3 for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or assign's land and  
53.29 grantor's presently owned lands that may be sold, assigned, or transferred in Government  
53.30 Lot 4, Section 29, said access road being measured 33 feet from each side of the centerline  
53.31 of that road that is presently existing at various widths and running in a generally East-West

54.1 direction and any future extensions thereof as may be reasonably necessary to provide the  
54.2 access contemplated herein;

54.3 (xii) Government Lots 5, 7, 8, and 9, Section 31;

54.4 (xiii) Government Lots 1 and 2, an undivided two-thirds interest in the Northeast Quarter  
54.5 of the Northwest Quarter, an undivided two-thirds interest in the Southeast Quarter of the  
54.6 Northwest Quarter, and an undivided two-thirds interest in the Southwest Quarter of the  
54.7 Northwest Quarter, Section 32, reserving unto grantor and grantor's successors and assigns  
54.8 an access road easement across the West 66 feet of the North 66 feet of said Government  
54.9 Lot 1 for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or assign's land and  
54.10 grantor's presently owned land that may be sold, assigned, or transferred in Government  
54.11 Lot 4, Section 29; and

54.12 (xiv) the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 35;

54.13 (2) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 53 North, Range 13 West, described as  
54.14 follows:

54.15 (i) all that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter lying North and West  
54.16 of the Little Cloquet River, Section 4;

54.17 (ii) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,  
54.18 Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,  
54.19 Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter,  
54.20 Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter,  
54.21 Section 5;

54.22 (iii) Government Lots 1, 2, and 4 and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,  
54.23 Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,  
54.24 Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,  
54.25 Section 6;

54.26 (iv) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast  
54.27 Quarter, Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Northwest Quarter of the Northwest  
54.28 Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Northwest  
54.29 Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, and Northeast Quarter of the Southwest  
54.30 Quarter, Section 7;

54.31 (v) Government Lots 1 and 2 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,  
54.32 Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,  
54.33 Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,

55.1 Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of the Southwest  
55.2 Quarter, Section 8; and

55.3 (vi) the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Northwest Quarter of the Northwest  
55.4 Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of the Northwest  
55.5 Quarter, Section 17;

55.6 (3) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 54 North, Range 13 West, described as  
55.7 follows:

55.8 (i) Government Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Section 20;

55.9 (ii) Government Lots 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,  
55.10 Section 21;

55.11 (iii) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, Section 29;

55.12 (iv) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10, Section 30; and

55.13 (v) Government Lots 5, 6, and 7 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,  
55.14 Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,  
55.15 Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, and Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,  
55.16 Section 31;

55.17 (4) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 54 North, Range 16 West, described as  
55.18 follows:

55.19 (i) Government Lots 2, 3, and 4 and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,  
55.20 Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,  
55.21 and Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 1;

55.22 (ii) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast  
55.23 Quarter, Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Southeast  
55.24 Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Southwest  
55.25 Quarter, and Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 2;

55.26 (iii) all that part of Government Lot 9 lying South of the Whiteface River and West of  
55.27 County Road 547, also known as Comstock Lake Road, Section 3; and

55.28 (iv) Government Lots 3 and 4 and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and  
55.29 Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 10;

55.30 (5) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 55 North, Range 15 West, described as  
55.31 follows:

- 56.1 (i) Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 11;
- 56.2 (ii) Government Lot 9, except the Highway 4 right-of-way, Section 11;
- 56.3 (iii) Government Lot 10, except the Highway 4 right-of-way, Section 11;
- 56.4 (iv) Government Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Section 15;
- 56.5 (v) Government Lots 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest  
56.6 Quarter, Section 21;
- 56.7 (vi) the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, reserving unto grantor and grantor's  
56.8 successors and assigns a 66-foot-wide access easement across said Southwest Quarter of  
56.9 the Northeast Quarter for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or assign's  
56.10 land and grantor's presently owned land that may be sold, assigned, or transferred in  
56.11 Government Lot 4, Section 21, Township 55 North, Range 15 West, said access road being  
56.12 measured 33 feet on each side of the centerline of that road that is presently existing and  
56.13 known as the Whiteface Truck Trail, Section 21;
- 56.14 (vii) Government Lots 1, 2, and 3, Section 22;
- 56.15 (viii) Government Lots 1 and 2 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter,  
56.16 Section 28;
- 56.17 (ix) Government Lots 1, 4, 6, 8, and 9 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,  
56.18 Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, and Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,  
56.19 Section 29;
- 56.20 (x) Government Lots 3 and 4 and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,  
56.21 Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,  
56.22 Section 30;
- 56.23 (xi) Government Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11 and the Northeast Quarter of the  
56.24 Southwest Quarter, Section 31; and
- 56.25 (xii) Government Lot 1, Section 32; and
- 56.26 (6) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 55 North, Range 16 West, described as  
56.27 follows:
- 56.28 (i) the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, reserving unto grantor and grantor's  
56.29 successors and assigns a 66-foot-wide access road easement across said Southwest Quarter  
56.30 of the Southeast Quarter for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or  
56.31 assign's land and grantor's presently owned land that may be sold, assigned, or transferred  
56.32 in Government Lot 5, Section 1, Township 54 North, Range 16 West, Section 35; and



57.1 (ii) the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, reserving unto grantor and grantor's  
57.2 successors and assigns a 66-foot-wide access road easement across said Southeast Quarter  
57.3 of the Southeast Quarter for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or  
57.4 assign's land and grantor's presently owned land that may be sold, assigned, or transferred  
57.5 in Government Lot 5, Section 1, Township 54 North, Range 16 West, Section 35.

57.6 Sec. 9. **ADDITION TO STATE FOREST.**

57.7 **[89.021] [Subd. 42a.] Riverlands State Forest.** Those parts of St. Louis County  
57.8 described as follows are added to Riverlands State Forest:

57.9 (1) the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 16, Township 50 North,  
57.10 Range 17 West;

57.11 (2) Government Lot 9, Section 26, Township 50 North, Range 17 West;

57.12 (3) the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 30, Township 51 North,  
57.13 Range 19 West;

57.14 (4) Government Lot 6, Section 22, Township 51 North, Range 20 West; and

57.15 (5) Government Lot 9, Section 24, Township 52 North, Range 20 West.

57.16 Sec. 10. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; BELTRAMI COUNTY.**

57.17 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
57.18 other law to the contrary, Beltrami County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land  
57.19 described in paragraph (c).

57.20 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
57.21 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

57.22 (c) The land to be sold is part of parcel number 45.00258.00 described as: that part of  
57.23 Government Lot 3, Section 31, Township 148 North, Range 31 West, Beltrami County,  
57.24 Minnesota, described as follows:

57.25 Commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 31; thence North 89 degrees 46  
57.26 minutes 25 seconds East, bearing based on the Beltrami County Coordinate System,  
57.27 South Zone, along the south line of said Section 31, a distance of 960.47 feet; thence  
57.28 North 01 degrees 00 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 2,116.07 feet to the point  
57.29 of beginning of land to be described, said point designated by an iron pipe, 1/2 inch in  
57.30 diameter, stamped LS 15483; thence continue North 01 degree 00 minutes 40 seconds  
57.31 West a distance of 108.00 feet to a point designated by an iron pipe, 1/2 inch in diameter,  
57.32 stamped LS 15483; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of  
57.33 60.00 feet to the intersection with the east line of said Government Lot 3; thence South  
57.34 01 degree 00 minutes 40 seconds East, along said east line of Government Lot 3, a  
57.35 distance of 108.00 feet to the intersection with a line bearing North 88 degrees 59 minutes  
57.36 20 seconds East from the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 59 seconds 20

58.1 minutes West, along said line, a distance of 60.00 feet to the point of beginning (0.15  
58.2 acre).

58.3 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
58.4 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

58.5 **Sec. 11. PUBLIC SALE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**  
58.6 **WATER; CASS COUNTY.**

58.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.45, the commissioner of natural  
58.8 resources may sell by public sale the surplus land bordering public water that is described  
58.9 in paragraph (c).

58.10 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct  
58.11 errors and ensure accuracy.

58.12 (c) The land that may be sold is located in Cass County and is described as:

58.13 (1) the West 970 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32,  
58.14 Township 135 North, Range 29 West, Cass County, Minnesota, EXCEPT therefrom a  
58.15 rectangular piece in the southeast corner thereof 370 feet North and South by 420 feet East  
58.16 and West; and

58.17 (2) that part of Government Lot 6 of said Section 32, described as follows: beginning  
58.18 at the northwest corner of said Government Lot 6; thence East along the north line of said  
58.19 Government Lot 6 550 feet; thence South 30 degrees West 528 feet, more or less, to shoreline  
58.20 of Agate Lake; thence northwest along said shoreline of Agate Lake to the west line of said  
58.21 Government Lot 6; thence northerly along said west line 260 feet, more or less, to the point  
58.22 of beginning.

58.23 (d) The land borders Agate Lake and is not contiguous to other state lands. The  
58.24 Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for natural  
58.25 resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be served if  
58.26 the land was returned to private ownership.

58.27 **Sec. 12. PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS LAND; CROW WING COUNTY.**

58.28 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 94.09 and 94.10, the commissioner of  
58.29 natural resources may sell by private sale the surplus land that is described in paragraph (c).

58.30 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct  
58.31 errors and ensure accuracy.

59.1 (c) The land that may be conveyed is located in Crow Wing County and is described as:  
59.2 that part of Government Lot 2, Section 11, Township 44, Range 28, Crow Wing County,  
59.3 Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Government  
59.4 Lot 2; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 05 seconds West, assumed bearing along the  
59.5 south line of said Government Lot 2 a distance of 203.73 feet to the westerly right-of-way  
59.6 of State Highway No. 18; thence North 24 degrees 13 minutes 27 seconds West, along said  
59.7 westerly right-of-way 692.40 feet, to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 24  
59.8 degrees 13 minutes 27 seconds West along said westerly right-of-way 70.31 feet; thence  
59.9 North 89 degrees 25 minutes 27 seconds West 90.00 feet; thence South 11 degrees 16  
59.10 minutes 29 seconds East 87.00 feet; thence North 78 degrees 43 minutes 31 seconds East  
59.11 103.84 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 0.17 acres of land, more or less,  
59.12 and is subject to existing easements of record.

59.13 (d) The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for  
59.14 natural resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be  
59.15 served if the land were returned to private ownership.

59.16 **Sec. 13. PUBLIC SALE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**  
59.17 **WATER; FILLMORE COUNTY.**

59.18 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.45, the commissioner of natural  
59.19 resources may sell by public sale the surplus land bordering public water that is described  
59.20 in paragraph (c), subject to the state's reservation of trout stream easements.

59.21 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct  
59.22 errors and ensure accuracy.

59.23 (c) The land that may be sold is located in Fillmore County and is described as: the South  
59.24 13 acres, except the East 2 acres thereof, of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,  
59.25 Section 21, Township 103, Range 10 West, Fillmore County, Minnesota, excepting therefrom  
59.26 the Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail corridor, formerly the Chicago, Milwaukee, St.  
59.27 Paul and Pacific Railroad Company right-of-way.

59.28 (d) The land borders the Root River and Watson Creek and is not contiguous to other  
59.29 state lands. The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed  
59.30 for natural resource purposes, provided that trout stream easements are reserved on the Root  
59.31 River and Watson Creek, and that the state's land management interests would best be served  
59.32 if the land was returned to private ownership.

60.1       Sec. 14. CONVEYANCE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC  
60.2 WATER; GOODHUE COUNTY.

60.3       (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1, and  
60.4 the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, Goodhue County may convey  
60.5 to the city of Wanamingo for no consideration the tax-forfeited land bordering public water  
60.6 that is described in paragraph (c).

60.7       (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general and provide  
60.8 that the land reverts to the state if the city of Wanamingo stops using the land for the public  
60.9 purpose described in paragraph (d). The attorney general may make changes to the land  
60.10 description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

60.11       (c) The land to be conveyed is located in Goodhue County and is described as: That part  
60.12 of the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 110 North, Range 16 West, Goodhue  
60.13 County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 7,  
60.14 Block 2, Axelson's Hillcrest Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence South  
60.15 89 degrees 48 minutes 15 seconds East (assuming that the east line of Axelson's Hillcrest  
60.16 Addition also being the west line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 30, has a bearing  
60.17 of North 00 degrees 11 minutes 45 seconds East), a distance of 30.00 feet; thence North 00  
60.18 degrees 11 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 342.00 feet to the point of beginning;  
60.19 thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 15 seconds East, a distance of 60.00 feet; thence North  
60.20 00 degrees 11 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 280.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees  
60.21 48 minutes 15 seconds East, a distance of 60.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes  
60.22 45 seconds East, a distance of 394 feet, more or less to the north line of the Southeast Quarter  
60.23 of said Section 30; thence westerly, along said north line, a distance of 150.00 feet, more  
60.24 or less, to the northwest corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 11  
60.25 minutes 45 seconds West, along the west line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 674  
60.26 feet, more or less, to an intersection with a line bearing North 89 degrees 48 minutes 15  
60.27 seconds West from said point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 15 seconds  
60.28 East, a distance of 30.00 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT that part of the above  
60.29 description now platted as Emerald Valley (parcel number 70.380.0710).

60.30       (d) The county has determined that the land is needed for a park trail extension.

60.31       EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

61.1       Sec. 15. **PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS LAND BORDERING PUBLIC WATER;**  
61.2 **HENNEPIN COUNTY.**

61.3       (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09, and 94.10, the  
61.4 commissioner of natural resources may sell by private sale the surplus land bordering public  
61.5 water that is described in paragraph (c) to a local unit of government for less than market  
61.6 value.

61.7       (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct  
61.8 errors and ensure accuracy.

61.9       (c) The land that may be conveyed is located in Hennepin County and is described as:  
61.10 all those parts of Government Lot 5, Section 35, Township 118, Range 23, lying northerly  
61.11 and northwesterly of East Long Lake Road, as it existed in 2021, easterly of a line drawn  
61.12 parallel with and distant 924.88 feet westerly of the east line of said Government Lot 5, and  
61.13 southerly of a line drawn westerly at a right angle to the east line of said Government Lot  
61.14 5 from a point distant 620 feet South of the northeast corner of said Government Lot 5.

61.15       (d) The land borders Long Lake. The Department of Natural Resources has determined  
61.16 that the land is not needed for natural resource purposes and that the state's land management  
61.17 interests would best be served if the land were conveyed to a local unit of government.

61.18       Sec. 16. **PUBLIC SALE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**  
61.19 **WATER; ITASCA COUNTY.**

61.20       (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.45, the commissioner of natural  
61.21 resources may sell by public sale the surplus land bordering public water that is described  
61.22 in paragraph (c).

61.23       (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct  
61.24 errors and ensure accuracy.

61.25       (c) The land that may be sold is located in Itasca County and is described as:

61.26       (1) the North 1,050.00 feet of Government Lot 1, Section 16, Township 55 North, Range  
61.27 24 West of the fourth principal meridian, except that part described as follows: commencing  
61.28 at the southeast corner of said Government Lot 1; thence North 0 degrees 46 minutes 09  
61.29 seconds East, bearing assumed, along the east line thereof, a distance of 280.00 feet to the  
61.30 point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 13 minutes 51 seconds West, a distance of  
61.31 345.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 46 minutes 09 seconds West, a distance of 21.60 feet  
61.32 to its intersection with the south line of the North 1,050.00 feet of said Government Lot 1;  
61.33 thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 51 seconds East along the south line of the North

62.1 1,050.00 feet of said Government Lot 1, a distance of 345.00 feet to the east line of said  
62.2 Government Lot 1; thence North 0 degrees 46 minutes 09 seconds East, along the east line  
62.3 of said Government Lot 1, a distance of 22.10 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to an  
62.4 easement for ingress and egress over 66.00 feet in width, over, under, and across part of  
62.5 Government Lot 1, Section 16, Township 55, Range 24. The centerline of said easement is  
62.6 described as follows: commencing at the northeast corner of said Government Lot 1; thence  
62.7 South 0 degrees 46 minutes 09 seconds West, bearing assumed, along the east line thereof,  
62.8 a distance of 750.00 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline to be described; thence  
62.9 North 89 degrees 08 minutes 51 seconds West, a distance of 845.00 feet; thence South 7  
62.10 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds East, a distance of 302.89 feet, and there terminating; and

62.11 (2) Lots 1 through 4 of Block 2 and Outlot "B," Loons Landing, according to the plat  
62.12 thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Itasca County Recorder.

62.13 (d) The land borders Trout Lake. The Department of Natural Resources has determined  
62.14 that the land is not needed for natural resource purposes and that the state's land management  
62.15 interests would best be served if the land was returned to private ownership.

62.16 **Sec. 17. PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND; PINE COUNTY.**

62.17 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 94.09 and 94.10, the commissioner of  
62.18 natural resources may sell by private sale the surplus land that is described in paragraph (c),  
62.19 subject to the state's reservation of a perpetual flowage easement.

62.20 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct  
62.21 errors and ensure accuracy.

62.22 (c) The land that may be sold is located in Pine County and is described as: the north 2  
62.23 rods of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 38 North, Range 22 West, Pine  
62.24 County, Minnesota.

62.25 (d) The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for  
62.26 natural resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be  
62.27 served if the land was returned to private ownership.

62.28 **Sec. 18. LAND EXCHANGE; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

62.29 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.461, and the riparian restrictions in  
62.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 94.342, subdivision 3, St. Louis County may, with the approval  
62.31 of the Land Exchange Board as required under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,

63.1 section 10, and according to the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, sections 94.342  
63.2 to 94.347, exchange the land described in paragraph (c).

63.3 (b) The conveyance must be in the form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
63.4 general may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct errors and ensure  
63.5 accuracy.

63.6 (c) The lands that may be conveyed are located in St. Louis County and are described  
63.7 as:

63.8 (1) Sections 1 and 2, Township 53 North, Range 18 West;

63.9 (2) Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 54 North, Range 17 West;

63.10 (3) Sections 24, 25, 26, and 35, Township 54 North, Range 18 West;

63.11 (4) Sections 22, 23, 26, and 27, Township 54 North, Range 19 West; and

63.12 (5) Sections 8, 9, 17, and 18, Township 55 North, Range 18 West.

63.13 **Sec. 19. LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

63.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, and any other law relating to the  
63.15 apportionment of proceeds from the sale of tax-forfeited land, St. Louis County may deposit  
63.16 proceeds from the sale of tax-forfeited lands into a tax-forfeited land acquisition trust fund  
63.17 established by St. Louis County under this section. The principal and interest from the fund  
63.18 may be spent on the purchase of lands better suited for retention and management by St.  
63.19 Louis County. Lands purchased with money from the land acquisition trust fund must:

63.20 (1) become subject to a trust in favor of the governmental subdivision wherein the lands  
63.21 lie and all laws related to tax-forfeited lands; and

63.22 (2) be used for forestry, mineral management, or environmental services.

63.23 **Sec. 20. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

63.24 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
63.25 other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands  
63.26 described in paragraph (c).

63.27 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
63.28 general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

63.29 (c) The lands to be sold are located in St. Louis County and are described as:

64.1 (1) Lots 23 through 30, including part of adjacent vacant alley, Block 54, Bay View  
64.2 Addition to Duluth No. 2, Township 49, Range 15, Section 11 (parcel identification number  
64.3 010-0230-03300); and

64.4 (2) Lot 2, except the South 760 feet, Township 62, Range 20, Section 18 (part of parcel  
64.5 identification number 430-0010-02916).

64.6 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
64.7 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

64.8 **Sec. 21. PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS LAND BORDERING PUBLIC WATER;**  
64.9 **SHERBURNE COUNTY.**

64.10 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09, and 94.10, the  
64.11 commissioner of natural resources may sell by private sale the surplus land bordering public  
64.12 water that is described in paragraph (c) for less than market value.

64.13 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct  
64.14 errors and ensure accuracy.

64.15 (c) The land that may be conveyed is located in Sherburne County and is described as:  
64.16 that part of the North 595.50 feet of Government Lot 6, Section 31, Township 34 North,  
64.17 Range 27 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the following described  
64.18 line: commencing at a Minnesota Department of Conservation monument on the south line  
64.19 of the said North 595.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 17 seconds West, bearing  
64.20 per plat of Eagle Lake Estates Boundary Registration, along said south line 71.28 feet to a  
64.21 Judicial Land Mark; thence North 21 degrees 51 minutes 43 seconds West, along the easterly  
64.22 line of Outlot A of said Eagle Lake Estates Boundary Registration 27.5 feet to the point of  
64.23 beginning; thence North 80 degrees East 72 feet, more or less, to the shoreline of Eagle  
64.24 Lake and there terminating.

64.25 (d) The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for  
64.26 natural resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be  
64.27 served if the land were returned to private ownership.

64.28 **Sec. 22. AUTHORIZATION OF ADJUTANT GENERAL TO EXCHANGE**  
64.29 **SURPLUS PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSEMOUNT.**

64.30 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 94.3495 and 193.36, the adjutant  
64.31 general of the Minnesota National Guard may, with the approval of the Land Exchange  
64.32 Board as required under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 10, exchange the



65.1 surplus land described in paragraph (b) for an equal amount of land owned by the city of  
65.2 Rosemount, regardless of a difference in market value.

65.3 (b) The land to be exchanged is within the city of Rosemount adjacent to a Minnesota  
65.4 National Guard field maintenance shop.

65.5 Sec. 23. **REPEALER.**

65.6 Laws 2012, chapter 236, section 28, subdivision 9, as amended by Laws 2016, chapter  
65.7 154, section 11, and Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 4, article 4, section 7, is  
65.8 repealed.

65.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

65.10 Delete the title and insert:

65.11 "A bill for an act  
65.12 relating to state government; appropriating money for environment, natural  
65.13 resources, and tourism; modifying natural resource and environment provisions;  
65.14 modifying game and fish laws; providing for compensation of certain board,  
65.15 commission, and council members; modifying duties of school trust lands director;  
65.16 modifying provisions for conveying interests in tax-forfeited lands and other state  
65.17 lands; providing for disposition of proceeds from sale of tax-forfeited land;  
65.18 modifying disposition of revenue from lottery in-lieu payments; creating events  
65.19 promotion account; allowing expansion in West Newton Special Use District;  
65.20 adding to and deleting from state parks and forests; authorizing conveyances of  
65.21 certain state lands; requiring reports; requiring rulemaking; amending Minnesota  
65.22 Statutes 2020, sections 84.632; 84.788, subdivision 5; 84.84; 84.87, subdivision  
65.23 1, as amended; 84.922, subdivision 4; 84D.02, subdivision 3; 85.015, subdivision  
65.24 10; 85A.01, subdivision 1; 89A.03, subdivision 5; 90.181, subdivision 2; 97A.015,  
65.25 subdivision 51; 97A.126, as amended; 97A.137, subdivisions 3, 5; 97B.031,  
65.26 subdivision 1; 97B.071; 97B.311; 97B.318, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions;  
65.27 97B.668; 103B.101, subdivision 2; 115B.17, subdivision 14; 115B.52, subdivision  
65.28 4; 116C.03, subdivision 2a; 116P.05, subdivision 1; 116U.55, by adding a  
65.29 subdivision; 127A.353, subdivision 2; 282.04, subdivision 1, by adding a  
65.30 subdivision; 282.08; 297A.94, as amended; Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement,  
65.31 sections 84.63; 84.631; 92.502; 127A.353, subdivision 4; Laws 2021, First Special  
65.32 Session chapter 6, article 1, sections 2, subdivision 10; 3, subdivision 3; repealing  
65.33 Laws 2012, chapter 236, section 28, subdivision 9, as amended; Laws 2013, chapter  
65.34 121, section 53; Minnesota Rules, part 6232.0350."