

(f) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best be served if the lands were removed from the tax-forfeited roll.

Sec. 26. CONDEMNATION OF TRUST FUND LAND BORDERING PUBLIC WATERS; BELTRAMI COUNTY.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 103F.535, the commissioner of transportation may acquire the following described trust fund land, except minerals and mineral rights, by eminent domain:

Those parts of Government Lots 1 and 2 of Section 36, Township 147 North, Range 34 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian lying southwesterly of Minnesota department of transportation right-of-way plat no. 04-23, plat of which is on file and of record in the office of the county recorder in and for Beltrami county, Minnesota, bounded as follows: southeasterly of the southwesterly projection of the northwesterly line of said plat, northwesterly of the southwesterly projection of the southeasterly line of said plat, southwesterly of the southwesterly line of said plat, and northeasterly of the shoreline of Grass Lake.

The above described tract contains 12.5 acres.

Sec. 27. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 26 are effective the day following final enactment. Section 15 is effective the day after the governing body of Ramsey county and its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

Presented to the governor May 21, 2001

Signed by the governor May 24, 2001, 2:00 p.m.

CHAPTER 165—S.F.No. 795

An act relating to natural resources; requiring the continuation of grant-in-aid snowmobile trail access when the commissioner of natural resources acquires land; permitting all-terrain vehicles to be operated on certain recreational land trails in Mille Lacs and Pine counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 84.83, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 84.83, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. **TRAIL CONTINUATION ON LANDS ACQUIRED BY THE STATE.** When the commissioner acquires lands with easements or other agreements for snowmobile trails that have received grant-in-aid financing under this section, the commissioner shall:

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- (1) continue the easements or other agreements for the snowmobile trail; or
- (2) develop an alternative route for the trail, including acquiring any necessary easements or other agreements for the trail right-of-way and providing funding for all expenses associated with clearing and marking the snowmobile trail.

Sec. 2. TRAILS IN MILLE LACS AND PINE COUNTIES.

Notwithstanding the restrictions on vehicle travel in rules adopted under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.321, all-terrain vehicles or vehicles of a similar nature may be operated on existing public multipurpose trails that cross wild, scenic, or recreational land use districts in Mille Lacs and Pine counties. This section expires four years from the effective date of this section or on the effective date of amendments to rules adopted under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.321, whichever is earlier.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 166—S.F.No. 1124

An act relating to retirement; providing continued insurance coverage for spouses of certain retirees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. SPOUSE INSURANCE COVERAGE.

(a) If the spouse of a retired employee who received employer-paid hospital, medical, and dental benefits under Laws 1993, chapter 224, article 8, section 18, was covered as a dependent of the retired employee when the employee retired, the spouse may continue coverage under the retired employee's group until the latter of the time the spouse or the retired employee attains the age of 65. The spouse must pay for coverage after the retired employee attains the age of 65. Eligibility is subject to changes in coverage and payment amounts that apply to employees in positions from which the retired employee retired. This section does not apply if the retired employee terminated coverage because the employee became eligible for employer-paid health insurance from a new employer.

(b) A spouse whose coverage had been discontinued before the effective date of this section because the retired employee attained the age of 65 may receive coverage for which the spouse becomes eligible under paragraph (a) only if the spouse notifies the former employer within 180 days of the effective date of this act.

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