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State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION**

**H. F. No. 2751**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; providing for repayment when gifts of land are sold;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 84.085, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 84.085, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Authority.** (a) The commissioner of natural resources may accept for  
1.7 and on behalf of the state any gift, bequest, devise, or grants of lands or interest in lands or  
1.8 personal property of any kind or of money tendered to the state for any purpose pertaining  
1.9 to the activities of the department or any of its divisions. Any money so received is hereby  
1.10 appropriated and dedicated for the purpose for which it is granted. Lands and interests in  
1.11 lands so received may be sold or exchanged as provided in chapter 94.

1.12 (b) When the commissioner of natural resources accepts lands or interests in land,  
1.13 the commissioner may reimburse the donor for costs incurred to obtain an appraisal needed  
1.14 for tax reporting purposes. If the state pays the donor for a portion of the value of the  
1.15 lands or interests in lands that are donated, the reimbursement for appraisal costs shall not  
1.16 exceed \$1,500. If the donor receives no payment from the state for the lands or interests in  
1.17 lands that are donated, the reimbursement for appraisal costs shall not exceed \$5,000.

1.18 (c) The commissioner of natural resources, on behalf of the state, may accept and  
1.19 use grants of money or property from the United States or other grantors for conservation  
1.20 purposes not inconsistent with the laws of this state. Any money or property so received  
1.21 is hereby appropriated and dedicated for the purposes for which it is granted, and shall  
1.22 be expended or used solely for such purposes in accordance with the federal laws and  
1.23 regulations pertaining thereto, subject to applicable state laws and rules as to manner  
1.24 of expenditure or use providing that the commissioner may make subgrants of any

2.1 money received to other agencies, units of local government, private individuals, private  
2.2 organizations, and private nonprofit corporations. Appropriate funds and accounts shall  
2.3 be maintained by the commissioner of management and budget to secure compliance  
2.4 with this section.

2.5 (d) The commissioner may accept for and on behalf of the permanent school fund a  
2.6 donation of lands, interest in lands, or improvements on lands. A donation so received  
2.7 shall become state property, be classified as school trust land as defined in section 92.025,  
2.8 and be managed consistent with section 127A.31.

2.9 (e) Before the commissioner sells land that was obtained by gift, in whole or in part,  
2.10 the commissioner shall notify the person or the heirs of the person providing the gift of  
2.11 land to the commissioner. At the request of the person or heirs of the person who provided  
2.12 the gift of land, within 30 days after the land is sold, the commissioner shall repay the  
2.13 person or heirs the market value of the gift at the time of the donation.