A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; increasing cross-country ski trail pass fees and providing an exception for school activities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 85.41, subdivision 3; 85.42.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.41, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Exemptions.** (a) Participants in cross-country ski races ~~and official school activities~~ and residents of a state or local government operated correctional facility are exempt from the pass requirement in subdivision 1 if a special use permit has been obtained by the organizers of the event or those in an official capacity in advance from the agency with jurisdiction over the cross-country ski trail. Permits shall require that permit holders return the trail and any associated facility to its original condition if any damage is done by the permittee. Limited permits for special events may be issued and shall require the removal of any trail markers, banners, and other material used in connection with the special event.

(b) Unless otherwise exempted under paragraph (a), students, teachers, and supervising adults engaged in school-sanctioned activities or other youth activities sponsored by a nonprofit organization are exempt from the pass requirements in subdivision 1. Prior to the activity, the organizer of the activity or another representative from the school or organization shall notify the agency with jurisdiction over the cross-country ski trail of the date and time of the activity.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.42, is amended to read:

85.42 USER FEE; VALIDITY.

(a) The fee for an annual cross-country ski pass is ~~$14~~ $19 for an individual age 16 and over. The fee for a three-year pass is ~~$39~~ $54 for an individual age 16 and over. This fee shall be collected at the time the pass is purchased. Three-year passes are valid for three years beginning the previous July 1. Annual passes are valid for one year beginning the previous July 1.

(b) The cost for a daily cross-country skier pass is ~~$4~~ $5 for an individual age 16 and over. This fee shall be collected at the time the pass is purchased. The daily pass is valid only for the date designated on the pass form.

(c) A pass must be signed by the skier across the front of the pass to be valid and becomes nontransferable on signing.