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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; designating a portion of the Northshore Trail
1.3 for all-terrain vehicle use; requiring a registry of off-highway vehicle trails;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 85.015, subdivision 13; 85.017.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.015, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 13. **Arrowhead Region Trails, in Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching and**
1.8 **Itasca Counties.** (a)(1) The Taconite Trail shall originate at Ely in St. Louis County and
1.9 extend southwesterly to Tower in St. Louis County, thence westerly to McCarthy Beach
1.10 State Park in St. Louis County, thence southwesterly to Grand Rapids in Itasca County
1.11 and there terminate;

1.12 (2) The Northshore Trail shall originate in Duluth in St. Louis County and extend
1.13 northeasterly to Two Harbors in Lake County, thence northeasterly to Grand Marais in
1.14 Cook County, thence northeasterly to the international boundary in the vicinity of the
1.15 north shore of Lake Superior, and there terminate;

1.16 (3) The Grand Marais to International Falls Trail shall originate in Grand Marais
1.17 in Cook County and extend northwesterly, outside of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area,
1.18 to Ely in St. Louis County, thence southwesterly along the route of the Taconite Trail to
1.19 Tower in St. Louis County, thence northwesterly through the Pelican Lake area in St.
1.20 Louis County to International Falls in Koochiching County, and there terminate.

1.21 (b) Except as provided in this paragraph, the trails shall be developed primarily for
1.22 riding and hiking. The Northshore Trail between Normana Road and the Moosewalk Trail
1.23 is designated as a state all-terrain vehicle trail.

2.1 (c) In addition to the authority granted in subdivision 1, lands and interests in lands
2.2 for the Arrowhead Region trails may be acquired by eminent domain. Before acquiring
2.3 any land or interest in land by eminent domain the commissioner of administration shall
2.4 obtain the approval of the governor. The governor shall consult with the Legislative
2.5 Advisory Commission before granting approval. Recommendations of the Legislative
2.6 Advisory Commission shall be advisory only. Failure or refusal of the commission to
2.7 make a recommendation shall be deemed a negative recommendation.

2.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.017, is amended to read:

2.9 **85.017 TRAIL REGISTRY.**

2.10 The commissioner of natural resources shall compile and maintain a current registry
2.11 of cross-country skiing, hiking, horseback riding, off-highway vehicle, as defined under
2.12 section 84.771, and snowmobiling trails in the state and shall publish and distribute the
2.13 information in the manner prescribed in section 86A.11. The Metropolitan Council, the
2.14 commissioner of employment and economic development, the Minnesota Historical
2.15 Society, and local units of government shall cooperate with and assist the commissioner
2.16 in preparing the registry.