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

A bill for an act

1.1 relating to natural resources; permitting electronic licensing system agents
1.2 to charge a higher fee to credit card users and requiring that individuals be
1.3 notified of the higher fee; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.027,
1.4 subdivision 15.
1.5

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.027, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 15. **Electronic transactions.** (a) The commissioner may receive an
1.9 application for, sell, and issue any license, stamp, permit, pass, sticker, duplicate safety
1.10 training certification, registration, or transfer under the jurisdiction of the commissioner
1.11 by electronic means, including by telephone. Notwithstanding section 97A.472, electronic
1.12 and telephone transactions may be made outside of the state. The commissioner may:

1.13 (1) provide for the electronic transfer of funds generated by electronic transactions,
1.14 including by telephone;

1.15 (2) assign an identification number to an applicant who purchases a hunting or
1.16 fishing license or recreational vehicle registration by electronic means, to serve as
1.17 temporary authorization to engage in the activity requiring a license or registration until
1.18 the license or registration is received or expires;

1.19 (3) charge and permit agents to charge a fee of individuals who make electronic card
1.20 transactions and in person using an electronic licensing system agent and of individuals
1.21 who make transactions by telephone or Internet, including issuing fees and an additional
1.22 transaction fee not to exceed \$3.50. An electronic licensing system agent charging a fee of
1.23 individuals making an electronic card transaction in person must post a sign informing
1.24 individuals of the fee. The sign must be near the point of payment, clearly visible, and
1.25 include the amount of the fee;

2.1 (4) establish, by written order, an electronic licensing system commission to be
2.2 paid by revenues generated from all sales made through the electronic licensing system.
2.3 The commissioner shall establish the commission in a manner that neither significantly
2.4 overrecovers nor underrecovers costs involved in providing the electronic licensing
2.5 system; and

2.6 (5) adopt rules to administer the provisions of this subdivision.

2.7 (b) The fees established under paragraph (a), clause (3), and the commission
2.8 established under paragraph (a), clause (4), are not subject to the rulemaking procedures
2.9 of chapter 14 and section 14.386 does not apply.

2.10 (c) Money received from fees and commissions collected under this subdivision,
2.11 including interest earned, is annually appropriated from the game and fish fund and the
2.12 natural resources fund to the commissioner for the cost of electronic licensing.