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

March 10, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

April 21, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; authorizing free entrance to state parks for totally
1.3 and permanently disabled veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
1.4 85.053, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.053, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 10. Free entrance; permanently and totally disabled veterans. The
1.9 commissioner shall allow free entrance to state parks and state recreation areas for any
1.10 veteran with a total and permanent service-connected disability who presents each year
1.11 a copy of their determination letter to a park attendant or commissioner's designee
1.12 for an annual park permit. For the purposes of this section, "veteran with a total and
1.13 permanent service-connected disability" means a resident who has a total and permanent
1.14 service-connected disability as adjudicated by the United States Veterans Administration
1.15 or by the retirement board of one of the several branches of the armed forces.