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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; modifying monument designation authority;
1.3 modifying state park names; modifying state park permit requirements;
1.4 eliminating certain finance report requirements; making technical corrections;
1.5 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 85.011; 85.012, subdivisions 28,
1.6 49a; 85.013, subdivision 1; 85.054, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision;
1.7 97A.055, subdivision 4b; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 84.961,
1.8 subdivision 4; 85.013, subdivision 21b; Laws 1989, chapter 335, article 1,
1.9 section 21, subdivision 8, as amended.

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

1.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.011, is amended to read:

1.12 **85.011 CONFIRMATION OF CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF**
1.13 **STATE PARKS, ~~MONUMENTS~~, STATE RECREATION RESERVES AREAS,**
1.14 **AND WAYSIDES.**

1.15 The legislature of this state has provided for the creation and establishment of
1.16 state parks, designated ~~monuments~~, state recreation reserves areas, and waysides for the
1.17 purpose of conserving the scenery, natural and historic objects and wildlife and to provide
1.18 for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them
1.19 unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

1.20 The establishment of such state parks, designated ~~monuments~~, state recreation
1.21 reserves areas, and waysides is hereby confirmed as provided in this section and sections
1.22 85.012 and 85.013 and they shall remain perpetually dedicated for the use of the people of
1.23 the state for park purposes.

1.24 The enumerated state parks, ~~state monuments~~, state recreation areas, and state
1.25 waysides shall consist of the lands and other property authorized therefor before January

2.1 1, 1969, together with such other lands and properties as may be authorized therefor on
2.2 or after January 1, 1969.

2.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.012, subdivision 28, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 28. Interstate State Park, Chisago County, which is hereby renamed from
2.5 Dalles of Saint Croix State Park.

2.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.012, subdivision 49a, is amended to read:

2.7 Subd. 49a. ~~St. Croix~~ Wild River State Park, Chisago County.

2.8 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.013, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.9 Subdivision 1. **Names, acquisition; administration.** (a) Designated ~~monuments,~~
2.10 recreation reserves; and waysides heretofore established and hereby confirmed as ~~state~~
2.11 ~~monuments,~~ state recreation areas and state waysides together with the counties in which
2.12 they are situated are listed in this section and shall hereafter be named as indicated
2.13 in this section.

2.14 (b) Any land that now is or hereafter becomes tax-forfeited land and is located
2.15 within the described boundaries of a state recreation area as defined by session laws is
2.16 hereby withdrawn from sale and is transferred from the custody, control, and supervision
2.17 of the county board of the county to the commissioner of natural resources, free from
2.18 any trust in favor of the interested taxing districts. The commissioner shall execute a
2.19 certificate of acceptance of the lands on behalf of the state for such purposes and transmit
2.20 the same to the county auditor of the county for record as provided by law in the case
2.21 of tax-forfeited land transferred to the commissioner by resolution of the county board
2.22 for conservation purposes.

2.23 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.054, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.24 Subd. 3. **Interstate State Park.** A Minnesota state park permit is not required at
2.25 Interstate State Park if a valid, current, Wisconsin state park permit or sticker authorizing
2.26 entry of a motor vehicle into Wisconsin state parks is appropriately displayed on the
2.27 vehicle and the commissioner has entered into an agreement with appropriate officials
2.28 of the state of Wisconsin that authorizes motor vehicles displaying Minnesota state park
2.29 permits free entry into Interstate State Park of Wisconsin on a reciprocal basis.

2.30 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.054, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.31 to read:

3.1 Subd. 14. **Grand Portage State Park.** A state park permit is not required and a fee
3.2 may not be charged for motor vehicle entry or parking at the Class 1 highway rest area
3.3 parking lot located adjacent to marked Trunk Highway 61 and Pigeon River at Grand
3.4 Portage State Park.

3.5 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.055, subdivision 4b, is amended to read:

3.6 Subd. 4b. **Citizen oversight subcommittees.** (a) The commissioner shall appoint
3.7 subcommittees of affected persons to review the reports prepared under subdivision 4;
3.8 review the proposed work plans and budgets for the coming year; propose changes
3.9 in policies, activities, and revenue enhancements or reductions; review other relevant
3.10 information; and make recommendations to the legislature and the commissioner for
3.11 improvements in the management and use of money in the game and fish fund.

3.12 (b) The commissioner shall appoint the following subcommittees, each comprised
3.13 of at least three affected persons:

3.14 (1) a Fisheries Operations Subcommittee to review fisheries funding, excluding
3.15 activities related to trout and salmon stamp funding;

3.16 (2) a Wildlife Operations Subcommittee to review wildlife funding, excluding
3.17 activities related to migratory waterfowl, pheasant, and turkey stamp funding and
3.18 excluding review of the amounts available under section 97A.075, subdivision 1,
3.19 paragraphs (b) and (c);

3.20 (3) a Big Game Subcommittee to review the report required in subdivision 4,
3.21 paragraph (a), clause (2);

3.22 (4) an Ecological ~~Services Operations~~ Resources Subcommittee to review ecological
3.23 services funding;

3.24 (5) a subcommittee to review game and fish fund funding of enforcement, ~~support~~
3.25 ~~services, and Department of Natural Resources administration~~ and operations support;

3.26 (6) a subcommittee to review the trout and salmon stamp report and address funding
3.27 issues related to trout and salmon;

3.28 (7) a subcommittee to review the report on the migratory waterfowl stamp and
3.29 address funding issues related to migratory waterfowl;

3.30 (8) a subcommittee to review the report on the pheasant stamp and address funding
3.31 issues related to pheasants; and

3.32 (9) a subcommittee to review the report on the turkey stamp and address funding
3.33 issues related to wild turkeys.

3.34 (c) The chairs of each of the subcommittees shall form a Budgetary Oversight
3.35 Committee to coordinate the integration of the subcommittee reports into an annual

4.1 report to the legislature; recommend changes on a broad level in policies, activities, and
4.2 revenue enhancements or reductions; provide a forum to address issues that transcend the
4.3 subcommittees; and submit a report for any subcommittee that fails to submit its report
4.4 in a timely manner.

4.5 (d) The Budgetary Oversight Committee shall develop recommendations for a
4.6 biennial budget plan and report for expenditures on game and fish activities. By August 15
4.7 of each even-numbered year, the committee shall submit the budget plan recommendations
4.8 to the commissioner and to the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over natural
4.9 resources finance.

4.10 (e) Each subcommittee shall choose its own chair, except that the chair of the
4.11 Budgetary Oversight Committee shall be appointed by the commissioner and may not
4.12 be the chair of any of the subcommittees.

4.13 (f) The Budgetary Oversight Committee must make recommendations to the
4.14 commissioner and to the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over natural
4.15 resources finance for outcome goals from expenditures.

4.16 (g) Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, or other law to the contrary, the
4.17 Budgetary Oversight Committee and subcommittees do not expire until June 30, 2010.

4.18 **Sec. 8. REPEALER.**

4.19 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 84.961, subdivision 4; and 85.013, subdivision
4.20 21b, and Laws 1989, chapter 335, article 1, section 21, subdivision 8, as amended by Laws
4.21 2002, chapter 323, section 19, are repealed.