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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

A bill for an act

1.1 relating to transportation; ensuring that unrefunded gasoline taxes remain in
1.2 highway user tax distribution fund to be used for highway purposes; removing
1.3 requirement that dedicated funds be used for other purposes; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 84.794, subdivision 1; 84.803, subdivision 1;
1.5 84.83, subdivision 2; 84.927, subdivision 1; 86B.706, subdivision 3; Minnesota
1.6 Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 86B.706, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota
1.7 Statutes 2006, section 296A.18, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
1.8

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

1.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.794, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.11 Subdivision 1. **Registration revenue.** Fees from the registration of off-highway
1.12 motorcycles ~~and the unrefunded gasoline tax attributable to off-highway motorcycle~~
1.13 ~~use under section 296A.18~~ must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the
1.14 off-highway motorcycle account in the natural resources fund.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.803, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.16 Subdivision 1. **Registration revenue.** Fees from the registration of off-road vehicles
1.17 ~~and unrefunded gasoline tax attributable to off-road vehicle use under section 296A.18~~
1.18 must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the off-road vehicle account in
1.19 the natural resources fund.

1.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.83, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.21 Subd. 2. **Money deposited in the account.** Fees from the registration of
1.22 snowmobiles ~~and the unrefunded gasoline tax attributable to snowmobile use pursuant to~~
1.23 ~~section 296A.18~~ shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the snowmobile
1.24 trails and enforcement account.

2.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.927, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.2 Subdivision 1. **Registration revenue.** Fees from the registration of all-terrain
2.3 vehicles and ~~the unrefunded gasoline tax attributable to all-terrain vehicle use under~~
2.4 ~~section 296A.18, as well as~~ the net proceeds from the sale of all-terrain vehicles forfeited
2.5 pursuant to section 169A.63; shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the
2.6 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund.

2.7 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 86B.706, subdivision 2, is
2.8 amended to read:

2.9 Subd. 2. **Money deposited in account.** The following shall be deposited in the state
2.10 treasury and credited to the water recreation account:

2.11 (1) fees from titling and licensing of watercraft under this chapter;

2.12 (2) fines, installment payments, and forfeited bail according to section 86B.705,
2.13 subdivision 2;

2.14 (3) mooring fees and receipts from the sale of marine gas at state-operated or
2.15 state-assisted small craft harbors and mooring facilities according to section 86A.21; and

2.16 (4) ~~the unrefunded gasoline tax attributable to watercraft use under section 296A.18;~~
2.17 ~~and~~

2.18 ~~(5)~~ fees for permits issued to control or harvest aquatic plants other than wild rice
2.19 under section 103G.615, subdivision 2.

2.20 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 86B.706, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.21 Subd. 3. **Purposes.** The money in the account may be expended only as
2.22 appropriated by law for the following purposes:

2.23 (1) ~~as directed under section 296A.18, subdivision 2;~~ for acquisition, development,
2.24 maintenance, and rehabilitation of public water access and boating facilities on public
2.25 waters; lake and river improvements; and boat and water safety;

2.26 (2) from the fees collected at state-operated or state-assisted small craft harbors
2.27 and mooring facilities from daily and seasonal moorings and the sale of marine gas, for
2.28 maintenance, operation, replacement, and expansion of these facilities and for the debt
2.29 service on state bonds sold to finance these facilities;

2.30 (3) for administration and enforcement of this chapter as it pertains to titling
2.31 and licensing of watercraft and use and safe operation of watercraft; grants for
2.32 county-sponsored and administered boat and water safety programs; and state boat and
2.33 water safety efforts;

3.1 (4) for management of aquatic invasive species and the implementation of chapter
3.2 84D as it pertains to aquatic invasive species, including control, public awareness, law
3.3 enforcement, assessment and monitoring, management planning, and research; and

3.4 (5) for management of aquatic plants and the implementation of section 103G.615 as
3.5 it pertains to aquatic plants, including plant removal permitting, control, public awareness,
3.6 law enforcement, assessment and monitoring, management planning, and research.

3.7 **Sec. 7. REPEALER.**

3.8 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 296A.18, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, are
3.9 repealed.

3.10 **Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.11 Sections 1 to 7 are effective the day following final enactment.