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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying horse trail pass requirements; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.46, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 7.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.46, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Pass in possession.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), while
1.7 riding, leading, or driving a horse on horse trails and associated day use areas on state
1.8 trails, in state parks, in state recreation areas, and in state forests, a person ~~16 years of age~~
1.9 ~~or over~~ shall carry in immediate possession a valid horse trail pass for the horse. The pass
1.10 must be available for inspection by a peace officer, a conservation officer, or an employee
1.11 designated under section 84.0835.

1.12 (b) A valid horse trail pass is not required under this section for a ~~person riding,~~
1.13 ~~leading, or driving a horse~~ being ridden, lead, or driven only on the portion of a horse trail
1.14 that is owned by the person riding, leading, or driving the horse or the person's spouse,
1.15 child, parent, or guardian.

1.16 (c) A valid horse trail pass is not required for a horse being ridden, lead, or driven by
1.17 a person under 16 years of age.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.46, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 3. **Issuance.** The commissioner of natural resources and agents shall issue
1.20 and sell horse trail passes. The pass shall include the applicant's signature, identification
1.21 information for the horse, and other information deemed necessary by the commissioner.
1.22 To be valid, a pass must be signed by the ~~person riding, leading, or driving~~ owner of
1.23 the horse.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.46, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 4. **Pass fees.** (a) The fee for an annual horse trail pass is \$20 for ~~an individual~~
2.3 ~~16 years of age and over~~ each horse. The fee shall be collected at the time the pass
2.4 is purchased. Annual passes are valid for one year beginning January 1 and ending
2.5 December 31.

2.6 (b) The fee for a daily horse trail pass is \$4 ~~for an individual 16 years of age and~~
2.7 ~~over~~. The fee shall be collected at the time the pass is purchased. The daily pass is valid
2.8 only for the date designated on the pass form.

2.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.46, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.10 Subd. 7. **Duplicate horse trail passes.** The commissioner of natural resources and
2.11 agents shall issue a duplicate horse trail pass ~~to a person whose pass that~~ is lost or destroyed
2.12 using the process established under section 97A.405, subdivision 3, and rules adopted
2.13 thereunder. The fee for a duplicate horse trail pass is \$2, with an issuing fee of 50 cents.