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

March 30, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

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

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 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 3, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 3. **Issuance.** The commissioner of natural resources and agents shall issue
1.7 and sell horse trail passes. The pass shall include the applicant's signature and other
1.8 information deemed necessary by the commissioner. To be valid, a daily or annual pass
1.9 must be signed by the person riding, leading, or driving the horse, and a commercial
1.10 annual pass must be signed by the owner of the commercial trail riding facility.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.46, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.12 Subd. 4. **Pass fees.** (a) The fee for an annual horse trail pass is \$20 for an individual
1.13 16 years of age and over. The fee shall be collected at the time the pass is purchased.
1.14 Annual passes are valid for one year beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

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

1.18 (c) The fee for a commercial annual horse trail pass is \$200 and includes issuance
1.19 of 15 passes. Additional or individual commercial annual horse trail passes may be
1.20 purchased by the commercial trail riding facility owner at a fee of \$20 each. Commercial
1.21 annual horse trail passes are valid for one year beginning January 1 and ending December
1.22 31 and may be affixed to the horse tack, saddle, or person. Commercial annual horse trail
1.23 passes are not transferable. For the purposes of this section, a "commercial trail riding

2.1 facility" is an operation where horses are used for riding instruction or other equestrian
2.2 activities for hire.

2.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.46, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 7. **Duplicate horse trail passes.** The commissioner of natural resources and
2.5 agents shall issue a duplicate pass to a person or commercial trail riding facility owner
2.6 whose pass is lost or destroyed using the process established under section 97A.405,
2.7 subdivision 3, and rules adopted thereunder. The fee for a duplicate horse trail pass is \$2,
2.8 with an issuing fee of 50 cents.

2.9 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.10 Sections 1 to 3 are effective January 1, 2010.