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Overview

Incorporates many small, technical changes that clarify or repeal various provisions of Department of Natural Resources law. The explanations below are in the statutory order in which they appear in the bill.

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| 1 | Eliminates State Auditor review of Game and Fish funds collected by counties, since the counties no longer do this task with the implementation of the Electronic Licensing System. |
| -3, 5-57,7,
13-14, and
16-17 | Changes the signature requirement for watercraft, snowmobile, ATV, OHM, and OHV license application forms by eliminating a signature from the application form but requiring a signature only on the registration card issued to the customer. |
| andand 33 | Repeals Minn. Stat. §§ 84.792 (OHM) and 84.801 (ORV) to conform with fleeing provisions for all other vehicles, off road vehicles, and motorboats under Minn. Stat. § 609.487. Similar changes were made a few years ago for ATV's, motorboats, and snowmobiles. |
| 8 | Technical correction that clarifies funds deposited into the snowmobile trails and enforcement account may be used for enforcement of the snowmobile laws, including snowmobile DWI provisions and prohibitions cited in section 84.91. |
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23 | Clarifies that game and fish, wild rice, boat and water, and snowmobile fine split provisions apply to citations issued pursuant to rules as well as statutes. |
| -121012 | Clarifies that the snowmobile safety training indicator on the driver's license <u>or</u> on the MN ID card is an alternative to possessing the certificate issued by the Department. |
| 15 | Creates a new section in chapter 86B that cross references chapter 115A, clarifying that owners must remove their sunken vehicles from waters of the state, or face enhanced cost |

recovery by local government.

- 16 Eliminates obsolete need for owners to indicate the presence of a marine toilet onboard their watercraft when they apply for a license.
- 18 Eliminates the requirement that boat licenses need to be continually renewed in order for the registration numbers to remain the same.
- 19 Adds watercraft previously titled in another state to the definition of boats needing titles in Minnesota under Min. Stat. § 86B.820, subd. 13, to aid in prevention of fraud.
- 20 Simplifies Minn. Stat. § 86B.825, subd. 1, to require a Minnesota title if a watercraft is kept in this state for more than 90 consecutive days.
- 21 Deletes the obsolete requirement to record the inboard engine serial number when applying for watercraft title under Minn. Stat. § 86B.830, subd. 1.
- 252425 Clarifies that when game farm animals are sold at auction, the auctioneer is the agent of the seller, and the seller still needs to provide sales receipts to the purchaser; allow the commissioner to promulgate rules to address in detail how these transactions are to be tracked and handled.
- 26 Clarifies that any convictions while acting as a bear guide (such as directing hunters to commit illegal acts) will result in revocation of their bear guide license.
- 27 Clarifies that a taxidermist license is needed to do taxidermy work and that a tanning license is needed to do tanning work, and that the license is not required if the person is not compensated for the work.
- 28 Corrects and clarifies that Social Security disability fishing licenses can continue to be issued to these license holders after they turn 65 and are moved off Disability Social Security onto regular Social Security.
- 29 Clarifies that fish mounts can be sold in the same manner as most other bird and mammal mounts.
- 30 Clarifies that recently changed bow fishing provisions allow discharge of the bow while the electric motor is running, as was intended by last year's amendments.
- 31 Clarifies that name/address on a fish house doesn't have to be "painted" as currently provided in Minn. Stat. § 97C.355, subd. 1, but can be "printed" and only need be 2 inches high instead of 3 inches high.
- 32 Clarifies that the Heritage Account funds in Minn. Stat. § 297A.44, subd. 1, may be used to purchase angling easements and Aquatic Management Areas, even if hunting would not be allowed or if fishing had to be restricted during certain times of the year.