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# Bill Summary =

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### Overview

Provides an annual state payment (i.e., PILT) to counties for certain game refuge property. The only game refuge affected is the one at Camp Ripley (Morrison County). Effective July 1, 2005, and thereafter.

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PILT payment; game refuge. Provides an annual PILT payment for land owned by another state agency for military purposes and managed by the commissioner of natural resources as a game refuge. The only qualifying game refuge is the property at Camp Ripley (Morrison County). The calculation for determining the payment is 50 percent of the amount for acquired natural resource property, times the number of qualifying acres. There are 44,046 acres that qualify under this bill. For FY 05 the rate would be \$1.92 to equal a payment of about \$85,000. The property qualifying under this bill does not currently receive any PILT payments.

Currently property owned and operated by DNR that is public hunting and game refuges (now called wildlife management areas) receives a PILT payment determined using a formula which uses the greatest of: (1) 35 percent of gross receipts from certain permits and land leases, (2) 50 cents per acre on land used for public hunting, or (3) three-fourths of one percent of the appraised value of the land used for public hunting.

Instead of putting the proposed game refuge property into the current schedule, the delete

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everything amendment uses a different calculation. It sets the amount at 50 percent of the amount of the acquired natural resource land (under Minn. Stat. § 477A.12, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1). That amount, as adjusted for inflation, is \$3.84 per acre for FY 05. One-half of the amount would be \$1.92 per acre.

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