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Overview

This bill eliminates a county's authority to acquire certain property used to provide recreational opportunities to disabled veterans by eminent domain. This bill also provides that, for purposes of municipal and county zoning, certain property used to provide recreational opportunities to disabled veterans is a legal conforming use and that improvements to such property shall be allowed under the terms of a planned unit development permit. The bill also excludes such property from the regional recreational open space system. Ingress or egress to or from such properties may not be restricted below levels permitted on January 1, 2005. Finally, the bill provides that the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp on Big Marine Lake in Washington County must develop and promote camp features for disabled veterans and modify its policies relating to rotation of campsites, cabins and parking spaces in specified ways.

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- 1 Eminent domain authority limited.** Prohibits acquisition by eminent domain of property located in a county in the metropolitan area with a population of less than 500,000, and owned or leased and operated by a nonprofit organization, and primarily used to provide recreational opportunities to disabled veterans and their families.
- 2 County zoning.** Provides that property located in a county in the metropolitan area with a population of less than 500,000, and owned or leased and operated by a nonprofit organization, and primarily used to provide recreational opportunities to disabled veterans and their families, is a legal conforming use and that improvements to such property shall

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be allowed under the terms of a planned unit development permit.

- 3** **Municipal zoning.** Provides that property located in a county in the metropolitan area with a population of less than 500,000, and owned or leased and operated by a nonprofit organization, and primarily used to provide recreational opportunities to disabled veterans and their families, is a legal conforming use and that improvements to such property shall be allowed under the terms of a planned unit development permit.
- 4** **Regional recreational open space system.** Provides that the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp on Big Marine Lake in Washington County is excluded from the Metropolitan Council's regional recreational open space system.
- 5** **Ingress and egress.** Provides that no county may restrict ingress or egress to property located in a county in the metropolitan area with a population of less than 500,000, and owned or leased and operated by a nonprofit organization, and primarily used to provide recreational opportunities to disabled veterans and their families below levels permitted on January 1, 2005.
- 6** **Camp requirements.** Provides that the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp on Big Marine Lake in Washington County must promote camp features and amenities for disabled veterans and modify its policies to provide for regular rotation of cabins, campsites and parking spaces.
- 7** **Effective date.** The bill is effective the day following final enactment.