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Overview

This bill would allow Department of Natural Resources (DNR) licensing agents to issue snowmobile registrations, consolidate the state trail sticker fee into the snowmobile registration fee, and modify state trail sticker requirements.

- 1 Application, issuance, issuing fee.** Amends § 84.82, subd. 2. Adds DNR licensing agents to the list of individuals a person may apply to for a snowmobile registration and allows the licensing agent to charge and keep a \$2 fee (the fee is the same as that charged by the commissioner or registrars/deputy registrars). Removes a requirement that temporary permits indicate whether a state trail sticker was purchased (no longer necessary).
- 2 Fees for registration.** Amends § 84.82, subd. 3. Increases the three year snowmobile registration fee from \$45 to \$75, and the fee for registration transfers or duplicates from \$4 to \$10. The \$30 increase reflects the current fee for the state trail sticker that is proposed to be added to the registration fee under this bill (also see section 4).
- 3 Registration agents.** Adds § 84.82, subd. 12. Allows the commissioner to appoint agents to issue snowmobile registrations and adopt additional rules. Requires agents to follow rules adopted by the commissioner and promptly submit the registration fee to the commissioner.
- 4 Sticker required; fee.** Amends § 84.8205, subd. 1. Modifies state trail sticker requirements to apply only to those not registered in the state (the registration fee for a snowmobile was increased the equivalent of the state trail sticker in section two) and sets the fees at \$35 for a one-year sticker purchased by an individual, and \$15 for a one-year sticker purchased by a dealer or manufacturer. Also increases the state trail sticker fee charged to an individual who violates this requirement from \$30 to \$70 (twice the fee charged to individuals). Maintains existing exemptions from state trail sticker requirements for those exempt from registration requirements (snowmobiles owned by the U.S. government, tribal governments, and others). Removes a provision allowing temporary permits issued by dealers to include the state trail sticker (no longer necessary).
- 5 Money deposited in the account.** Amends § 84.83, subd. 8. Requires fees from issuing snowmobile state trail stickers to be deposited in the snowmobile trails and enforcement account.

- 6** **Purposes for the account; allocation.** Amends 84.83, subd. 3. Requires an unspecified percentage of funds collected from snowmobile registrations and state trail stickers to be spent on grants-in-aid to develop, maintain, and groom snowmobile trails and acquire easements.
- 7** **Required rules.** Amends § 84.86, subd. 1. Technical.
- 8** **Transition.** Requires individuals to continue to display a valid snowmobile state trail sticker, if required, until renewing their registration under the new registration provisions established in this bill.
- 9** **Conforming rulemaking.** Allows the commissioner to use the good cause exemption to rulemaking requirements in order to adopt rules conforming to this bill.