

Subject DNR Policy Bill  
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## Overview

This bill contains a number of policy and technical provisions being recommended by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Removed by amendment.</b>
2	<b>Removed by amendment.</b>
3	<b>Paying grant-eligible expenditures.</b> Allows the DNR to pay eligible grant program expenditures made on or after the effective date of an appropriation.
4	<b>Purposes.</b> Allows money in the off-highway motorcycle account to be used for grants to local law enforcement agencies for enforcement and public education.
5	<b>Purposes for the account; allocation.</b> Allows the DNR to establish a performance based funding formula for distributing snowmobile grants-in-aid. Provides an exception from the rulemaking process for the procedures and criteria.
6	<b>Cross-country-ski trail grant-in-aid program.</b> Allows the DNR to establish a performance based funding formula for distributing cross-country-ski trail grants-in-aid. Provides an exception from the rulemaking process for the procedures and criteria.
7	<b>Game fish.</b> Modifies the definition of “game fish” to use scientific names.

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8	<b>Rough fish.</b> Removes burbot and cisco from the definition of rough fish.
9	<b>Walk-in access program.</b> Modifies the walk-in access program so that lands not otherwise open to the public for hunting are eligible, rather than only private lands as currently eligible.
10	<b>Small-game surcharge and donation.</b> Exempts nonresident small game licenses for those age 16 or 17 from a small game license surcharge.
11	<b>Taking animals causing damage.</b> Requires traps used to take certain animals causing damage to be tagged with the landowner's name and telephone number, or when placed by an agent of the landowner, the agent's information. Requires the removal or destruction of beaver dams to be done in compliance with new provisions established in the next section.
12	<b>Removing beaver dams; agreement by landowner.</b> Allows a person to remove or destroy a beaver dam from the person's property unless the removal/destruction of the dam would change or diminish the historical water levels, course, current, or cross section of public waters, or when a public waters work permit is otherwise required. Prohibits a person from removing/destroying a beaver dam on public property or someone else's without permission. A person may petition a district court for relief if they fail to get the property owner's permission.
13	<b>Government units.</b> Allows any government unit to kill beaver causing damage and remove or destroy any associated beaver lodge or dams subject to existing permit requirements and the new provisions established in section 12.
14	<b>Permits and notice; requirements.</b> Modifies special permit and notification requirements for road authorities and government units when killing beaver.
15	<b>Beaver control programs.</b> Conforming change.
16	<b>Tagging requirements for traps.</b> Requires traps used as part of a beaver control program implemented by a government unit to be tagged with the name and telephone number of the government unit, and, if applicable, any third-party contractor's information.



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