

Subject DNR Lands Bill
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Overview

This bill contains a number of provisions that pertain to the administration of state lands. All but one of the provisions were recommended by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the 2020 session as part of the department's annual lands bill (H.F. 3352). The other provision, allowing St. Louis County to sell certain tax-forfeited land by private sale (section 9), had been added to the bill during the 2020 regular session and was originally proposed in H.F. 3871 (Ecklund).

Summary

Section	Description
1	Conveyance of interests in lands to state, federal, and tribal governments. Allows the DNR to convey easements on state-owned lands to federally recognized Indian tribe for trails, highways, flowage for development of fish/game resources, stream protection, and flood control.
2	Lease of tax-forfeited and state lands. Allows the DNR to assess a monitoring fee on applicants leasing state land for a recreational trail or facility to cover the reasonable costs of monitoring the construction of the trail or facility and preparing the terms and conditions. Requires the DNR to provide applicants an estimate of the fee before requiring it to be submitted and refund any unobligated amount upon completion of the trail or facility.
3	Addition to state park. Adds land to the statutory boundaries of Fort Snelling State Park.
4	Addition to state recreation area. Adds land to the statutory boundaries of the Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.

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5	Deletions from state parks. Removes land from the statutory boundaries of Fort Snelling State Park and William O'Brien State Park.
6 to 8	Private sales of surplus state land. Allows the DNR to sell certain surplus state lands by private sale in Cass, Lake of the Woods, and St. Louis Counties.
9	Private sale of tax-forfeited lands; St. Louis County. Allows St. Louis County to sell certain tax-forfeited land by private sale.
10	Public sale of surplus state land bordering public water; Wadena County. Allows the DNR to sell surplus state lands bordering public water in Wadena County.
11	Effective date. States that sections 1 to 10 are effective the day following final enactment.



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