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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER: 312
HF (3519)
SF 2675

USE OF CLEAN FUELS

A bill requiring state agencies to use clean fuels; modifying the application of recyclable material container requirements for public entities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 115A.151; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2002

CHAPTER: 376
HF (2973)
SF 2738

DNR FISCAL POLICY BILL ("FISCAL FIX")

A bill providing for maintenance of leased property; permitting aquatic plant grants; making certain state park permit exemptions; providing for federal law compliance; modifying certain appropriations; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Various effective dates.

ENFORCEMENT

CHAPTER: 270
HF (94)
SF 222

GROSS OVERLIMITS

A bill establishing a gross misdemeanor penalty for gross overlimit violations of fish and game laws; setting certain restitution values; providing criminal penalties; requiring fish and game license seizure for certain violations; establishing possession criteria for commercial fishing operations; modifying commercial license reinstatement provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2003.

FISH, WILDLIFE, and FORESTRY

CHAPTER: 315
HF (2920)
SF 2674

OMNIBUS GAME, FISH AND FORESTRY BILL

A bill clarifying the aquatic life that may be raised on aquatic farms; modifying littering provisions; temporarily removing restrictions on the production of planting stock; modifying timber permit, sale, and lease provisions; creating a prairie chicken hunting license; modifying lifetime deer hunting license provisions; providing for the consumption of game at fundraising events; restricting the taking of fish on certain waters; providing for trapper education programs; modifying big game ammunition provisions; restricting certain motorized decoys; modifying provisions for using lights to locate animals; modifying the all season buck license; modifying requirements for taking turtles; modifying provisions for fishing contest permits; providing for enforcement authority and restoration requirements related to gathering or destroying aquatic plants; providing for review of the aquatic plant control permit program; eliminating certain experimental trout stream restrictions; requiring a study; creating a motorized trail task force; providing criminal penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 7; 11, clause (12); 18; and 19 are effective March 1, 003. Sections 3, 21, and 29 are effective the day following final enactment.

CHAPTER: 323
HF (2684)
SF 2678

DNR TECHNICAL BILL

A bill making technical changes and clarifications; modifying certain requirements for nonresident youth small game hunting; modifying requirements for firearms safety certificate; modifying prohibitions of hunting while under the influence; providing for taking unprotected birds; making certain stamp exemptions; modifying certain report requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sec. 1-17 & 19, on August 1, 2002 and Sec. 18, on April 19, 2002.

FORESTRY

CHAPTER: 369
HF (3719)
SF 3463

PESTICIDES APPLICATION PROHIBITION EXCEPTIONS

A bill clarifying the prohibition on certain application of pesticides for invasive species (i.e. gypsy moth).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 11, 2002.

LANDS

CHAPTER: 353
HF (1359)
SF 2125

CON-CON LANDS BILL - 2002

A bill modifying provisions for all-terrain vehicle use on certain wildlife management area lands; modifying disposition of lottery ticket in lieu of sales tax receipts; adding to state wildlife management areas; providing for certain land exchanges; permitting the sale of certain consolidated conservation land in Roseau county; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 1, 2, and 4 to 8 are effective January 1, 2003, and for the purposes of the payments in lieu of taxes under Minnesota Statutes, sections 477A.11 to 477A.145, the land status changes are effective for payments made in calendar year 2003 and thereafter. Section 3 is effective the day following final enactment and is effective for payments made in 2002 and thereafter.

CHAPTER: 366
HF (3025)
SF 2727

OMNIBUS LANDS AND PARK BOUNDARY BILL

A bill modifying land acquisition procedures; modifying certain local planning regulations; adding to and deleting from certain state parks and state recreation areas; establishing the Cuyuna Lakes state trail; restricting the taking of fish on certain waters; authorizing public and private sales, conveyances, and exchanges of certain state land; modifying provisions for sale of tax-forfeited land; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sec. 1; May 16, 2002 and Sees. 2-35; August 1, 2002.

TRAILS AND WATERWAYS

CHAPTER: 355
HF 2970
SF (3010)

RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES

A bill imposing requirements on certain purchases of the commissioner of natural resources; requiring certain rule amendments; authorizing hiring of certain employees; authorizing certain reimbursements for snowmobile trail grooming equipment; authorizing counties to raise snowmobile speed limits on certain lakes; appropriating money for maintenance, monitoring, and enforcement related to recreational motor vehicle use; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 84.025, by adding a subdivision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 2 to 4 are effective the day following final enactment.

WATERS

CHAPTER: 327
HF (1763)
SF 1811

PUBLIC DRAINAGE SYSTEMS JURISDICTION TRANSFER

A bill for an act relating to drainage; allowing transfer of a public drainage system to a water management authority; defining water management authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 103E.005, subdivision 16, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2002

BUDGET AND BONDING

CHAPTER: 220 **OMNIBUS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET BILL – PHASE I**
HF 351
SF (264)

EFFECTIVE DATE: Various effective dates.

CHAPTER: 374 **OMNIBUS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET BILL - PHASE II**
HF 3270

EFFECTIVE DATE: Various effective dates.

CHAPTER: 393 **OMNIBUS BONDING BILL**
HF 3618

A bill for an act relating to capital improvements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Various

Asset preservation - \$2.6 million

Field office renovations - \$1 million

Office facility development - (Thief River Falls) - \$1.5 million

ADA compliance - \$500,000

State Parks - \$23.5 million (excluding Big Bog, Red River)

Metro parks - \$6 million

Forest roads and bridges - \$1.2 million

State trails - \$900K for the rehab projects on the Douglas, Luce Line, and Munger trails

Well sealing - \$600,000

Dam improvements - \$650K for projects

Flood hazard mitigation - \$30 million (\$15 million issued this year)

RIM critical habitat match - \$1 million