

S.F. No. 1445 – 2020 DNR Policy Bill

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Section 1 [Certifiable Fish Disease Definition] amends the definition of a certifiable fish disease to include cases where an enumerated disease is expressed through clinical symptoms or through the presence of a disease pathogen.

Section 2 [Conforming Change] makes a statutory change to conform to the new VHS-susceptible species definitions in sections 5 and 6.

Section 3 [Emergency Fish Disease Definition] amends the definition of an emergency fish disease definition to include the presence of pathogens.

Section 4 [Fish Health Inspection] amends the requirements for wild fish inspection so that it includes a reference to the fact that such inspections also searching for pathogens.

Section 5 [VHS-Susceptible Species Definition] defines VHS-susceptible species as aquatic species that are natural hosts for viral hemorrhagic septicemia.

Section 6 [VHS-Susceptible Species List Definition] defines the VHS-susceptible species list as VHS-susceptible species listed in the Fish Health Blue Book that are found in or that can survive in the Great Lakes region.

Sections 7 through 13 [Conforming Changes] make statutory changes to conform to the new VHS-susceptible species definitions in sections 5 and 6.

Section 14 [School Trust Land Reporting] changes the reporting frequency on the management of school trust lands from biannually (twice yearly) to biennially (once each biennium).

Section 15 & 16 [Transporting Unregistered Snowmobiles] repeal prohibition on transportation of unregistered snowmobiles.

Section 17 [Definition of ATV] amends the definition of all-terrain vehicle to remove outdated references to low pressure or non-pneumatic tires.

Section 18 [Repeal Invasive Carp Tagging Sunset] repeals sunset of authority for DNR to issue permits to tag and release invasive carp.

Section 19 [Repeal of Golf Course Authority] removes authority for the commissioner of natural resources to establish provisions for the improvement and maintenance of golf courses already established in state parks and for the charging of reasonable use fees.

Section 20 [State Park Statute Nomenclature] modernizes state park statute nomenclature.

Section 21 [Special Use Permits for State Parks] allows the commissioner of natural resources to develop policies for special use permits for state parks, state recreation areas, and state waysides.

Section 22 [Owner of Vehicle Responsible for State Park Permit] makes the owner of a vehicle entering a state park responsible for the permit.

Section 23 [State Park Statute Nomenclature] modernizes state park statute nomenclature.

Section 24 [Appropriation of Cross-Country-Ski Account Money for Trails] statutorily appropriates money in the cross-country-ski account for developing and maintaining state cross-country-ski trails.

Section 25 [Special Use Permits for State Trails] allows the commissioner of natural resources to develop policies for special use permits for state trails and state water access sites.

Section 26 [Conforming Change] makes a conforming change related to section 27.

Section 27 [DNR Regulation of Snake, Lizard, and Salamander Trade] directs the commissioner of natural resources to prescribe conditions and issue permits to breed, propagate, and sell snakes, lizards, and salamanders.

Section 28 [Minnow Dealer Violations] redefines minnow dealer convictions to be consistent with other game and fish violations.

Section 29 [Revocation of Hunting Privileges for Certain Violations] revokes hunting privileges for five years if night or thermal vision equipment was in possession during specific violations, including taking wild animals in closed season, closed hours, or while trespassing.

Section 30 [Red Lake Band Code Governs Taking of Animals on Reservation Lands] ensures that Red Lake Band's Conservation Code governs the taking and tagging of wild animals on Red Lake Reservation lands.

Section 31 [Cervidae Carcass Importation Ban] prohibits the importation of cervidae carcasses into Minnesota.

Section 32 [Permissible Firearms for Taking Big Game] amends the definition of permissible firearms for taking big game and wolves to reflect current gun technology.

Section 33 [Crossbows Prohibited During Muzzleloader Deer Season] clarifies that crossbows may not be used during muzzleloader deer season.

Section 34 [Infrared Illuminators] allows infrared illuminators to be used to enhance night vision equipment and prohibits night vision equipment from being used to take coyote or fox during the regular firearms deer season.

Section 35 [Upper Red Lake Is a Special Management Water] defines Upper Red Lake as a special management water.

Sections 36 & 37 [Conforming Changes] make statutory changes to conform to the new VHS-susceptible species definitions in sections 5 and 6.

Section 38 [Netting of Lake Whitefish and Cisco] limits the number of allowable nets for lake whitefish and cisco to one.

Section 39 [Lake Superior Management Plan] removes the Lake Superior Management Plan specific due date for reassessing annual quotas and replaces it with a requirement that the quotas be reassessed every 10 years.

Sections 40 & 41 [Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Changes] exempt plans and local regulations in the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area from the review and approval procedures that ordinarily apply and replaces those requirements with the language in section 41 that creates a more streamlined review and approval approach.

Section 42 [Wild Rice Lease Exchanges] makes wild rice lessees responsible for all costs associated with certain land exchanges authorized in the 2016.

Section 43 [Repealer] relates to the sections of the bill pertaining to DNR's obsolete golf course authority.