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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2371

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; providing for continued operation of state parks
1.3 and recreation areas when biennial appropriations have not been enacted;
1.4 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 85.055,
1.5 subdivision 2.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 85.055, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Fee deposit and appropriation; continued operation.** (a) The fees
1.9 collected under this section shall be deposited in the natural resources fund and credited
1.10 to the state parks account. Money in the account, except for the electronic licensing
1.11 system commission established by the commissioner under section 84.027, subdivision
1.12 15, is available for appropriation to the commissioner to operate and maintain the state
1.13 park system.

1.14 (b) State parks and recreation areas shall remain open for camping and other
1.15 recreational activities, regardless of whether all or any part of the biennial appropriation
1.16 law for the state parks and recreation areas has been enacted. The amount necessary for
1.17 operations of state parks and recreation areas when the biennial appropriation law has not
1.18 been enacted is appropriated from the state parks account in the natural resources fund. If,
1.19 by July 1 of an odd-numbered year, legislation has not been enacted to appropriate money
1.20 to the commissioner of management and budget for central accounting, procurement,
1.21 payroll, and human resources functions, amounts necessary to operate those functions for
1.22 the purpose of this paragraph are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.23 of management and budget. Any subsequent appropriation to the commissioner of
1.24 management and budget for a biennium in which this paragraph has been applied
1.25 supersedes and replaces the funding authorized in this paragraph.