

A bill for an act
relating to natural resources; authorizing acquisition of certain easements;
proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84.

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

Section 1. **[84.0277] CAMP RIPLEY BUFFER EASEMENTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Acquisition authorized.** The commissioner may acquire, from willing sellers, perpetual conservation easements on behalf of the state and federal government consistent with Camp Ripley's Army compatible use buffer project. This project is geographically defined as a three-mile zone around Camp Ripley in central Minnesota.

Subd. 2. **Payments; terms.** Notwithstanding sections 84.0272, subdivision 1, and 84.0274, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), the commissioner may make payments to a landowner under this subdivision to acquire a perpetual conservation easement according to subdivision 1. The onetime payment may be based on the following:

(1) if the easement prohibits the construction of any new buildings or permanent structures upon the land, the commissioner may pay 60 percent of the most recent assessed market value of the land as determined by the county assessor of the county in which the land is located; or

(2) if the easement prohibits the construction of any new buildings or permanent structures upon the land and grants the public the right to access the land for natural resource-based outdoor recreation, the commissioner may pay 70 percent of the most recent assessed market value of the land as determined by the county assessor of the county in which the land is located.