

A bill for an act
relating to transportation; appropriating money to Center for Transportation
Studies for a study on motor fuel use for nonhighway purposes.

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

Section 1. **NONHIGHWAY MOTOR FUEL USE STUDY.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section:

(1) "motor fuel use for nonhighway purposes" consists of motor fuel consumption by
(i) motorboats, (ii) snowmobiles, (iii) all-terrain vehicles, (iv) off-highway motorcycles,
(v) off-road vehicles, (vi) vehicles operated on state forest roads, and (vii) vehicles
operated on county forest access roads; and

(2) "public locale" includes public trails, public streets and highways of the state
including public rights-of-way, and other public recreation areas.

Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.794,
84.803, 84.83, 84.927, and 296A.18, \$250,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2011 from
the named funds, as specified in paragraph (b), to the Board of Regents of the University
of Minnesota for the Center for Transportation Studies to complete a comprehensive
study on motor fuel use for nonhighway purposes as provided in this section. This is
a onetime appropriation.

(b) The amount appropriated in paragraph (a) is from the water recreation account
in the special revenue fund, the snowmobile trails and enforcement account in the
natural resources fund, the all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund, the
off-highway motorcycle account in the natural resources fund, the off-road vehicle account
in the natural resources fund, and the state forest road account in the special revenue fund.
The amount appropriated from each specified account is in the proportion that:

(1) the amount of gasoline fuel tax revenue provided in fiscal year 2010 to a specified account under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.794, 84.803, 84.83, 84.927, and 296A.18, bears to

(2) the sum total amount of gasoline fuel tax revenue provided in fiscal year 2010 to all of the specified accounts.

Subd. 3. **Study requirements.** The study must, at a minimum:

(1) develop a methodology that objectively and accurately provides estimates of motor fuel use for each nonhighway purpose;

(2) develop estimates of motor fuel use for each nonhighway purpose, in which the estimates:

(i) utilize the methodology established under clause (1); and

(ii) to the extent feasible, identify and apportion motor fuel use by type of location or facility, including but not limited to each public locale and private land;

(3) to the extent feasible, evaluate the costs incurred for each public locale due to use by nonhighway purposes; and

(4) provide, based on the study results, policy options for any changes to the attribution of motor fuel use under Minnesota Statutes, section 296A.18.

Subd. 4. **Legislative report.** By February 1, 2011, the Center for Transportation Studies must submit a report on the study to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over (1) transportation policy and finance, and (2) environment and natural resources policy and finance.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2010.