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03/09/2026	6559	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
03/11/2026	6602	Withdrawn and re-referred to Judiciary and Public Safety
04/07/2026	7727	Comm report: To pass
	7904	Second reading

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; providing for fraud prevention in registrations,

1.3 licenses, passes, and permits issued by the commissioner; providing criminal

1.4 penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.82, by adding a

1.5 subdivision; 84.8205, by adding a subdivision; 85.053, by adding a subdivision;

1.6 97A.311, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new

1.7 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 84; 85; 86B.

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

1.9 Section 1. **84.7885 UNLAWFUL ACTS RELATED TO REGISTRATION.**

1.10 Subdivision 1. **Violations.** With regard to any registration or temporary registration

1.11 issued under section 84.788, it is unlawful for any person or dealer:

1.12 (1) to issue, obtain, or use a dealer temporary 21-day registration permit without the

1.13 intent to follow through with a sale and registration;

1.14 (2) to obtain, attempt to obtain, or assist in obtaining a registration through

1.15 misrepresentation or fraud by knowingly providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or

1.16 materially untrue information in the registration application; or

1.17 (3) to display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession any fictitious or

1.18 fraudulent registration or decal.

1.19 Subd. 2. **Penalties.** (a) A dealer temporary 21-day registration permit, registration, or

1.20 registration sticker that is the subject of a violation under subdivision 1 is void.

1.21 (b) A person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.22 (c) A dealer who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

2.1 Sec. 2. **[84.7985] UNLAWFUL ACTS RELATED TO REGISTRATION.**

2.2 **Subdivision 1. Violations.** With regard to any registration or temporary registration
2.3 issued under section 84.798, it is unlawful for any person or dealer:

2.4 (1) to issue, obtain, or use a dealer temporary 21-day registration permit without the
2.5 intent to follow through with a sale and registration;

2.6 (2) to obtain, attempt to obtain, or assist in obtaining a registration through
2.7 misrepresentation or fraud by knowingly providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or
2.8 materially untrue information in the registration application; or

2.9 (3) to display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession any fictitious or
2.10 fraudulent registration or decal.

2.11 **Subd. 2. Penalties.** (a) A dealer temporary 21-day registration permit, registration, or
2.12 registration sticker that is the subject of a violation under subdivision 1 is void.

2.13 (b) A person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

2.14 (c) A dealer who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

2.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.82, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.16 read:

2.17 **Subd. 12. Unlawful acts related to registration.** (a) It is unlawful for any person:

2.18 (1) to issue, obtain, or use a dealer temporary 21-day registration permit without the
2.19 intent to follow through with a sale and registration;

2.20 (2) to register or attempt to register a snowmobile through misrepresentation or fraud
2.21 by knowingly providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue information
2.22 in the registration application; or

2.23 (3) to display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession any fictitious or
2.24 fraudulent registration or decal.

2.25 (b) A dealer temporary 21-day registration permit, registration, or decal that is the subject
2.26 of a violation under paragraph (a) is void.

2.27 (c) A person who violates paragraph (a) is guilty of a misdemeanor.

2.28 (d) A dealer who violates paragraph (a) is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

3.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.8205, is amended by adding a subdivision to
3.2 read:

3.3 Subd. 7. **Penalties.** A person who makes a false statement related to an application for
3.4 a snowmobile state trail pass, materially alters or creates a fictitious snowmobile state trail
3.5 pass, or uses or attempts to use a materially altered, fictitious, or otherwise fraudulent
3.6 snowmobile state trail pass is guilty of a misdemeanor, and the pass is rendered void.

3.7 Sec. 5. **[84.9225] UNLAWFUL ACTS RELATED TO REGISTRATION.**

3.8 Subdivision 1. **Violations.** With regard to any registration or temporary registration
3.9 issued under section 84.922, it is unlawful for any person or dealer:

3.10 (1) to issue, obtain, or use a dealer temporary 21-day registration permit without the
3.11 intent to follow through with a sale and registration;

3.12 (2) to obtain, attempt to obtain, or assist in obtaining a registration through
3.13 misrepresentation or fraud by knowingly providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or
3.14 materially untrue information in the registration application; or

3.15 (3) to display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession any fictitious or
3.16 fraudulent registration or decal.

3.17 Subd. 2. **Penalties.** (a) A dealer temporary 21-day registration permit, registration, or
3.18 registration sticker that is the subject of a violation under subdivision 1 is void.

3.19 (b) A person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

3.20 (c) A dealer who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

3.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 85.053, is amended by adding a subdivision to
3.22 read:

3.23 Subd. 11. **Penalties.** A person who makes a false statement related to an application for
3.24 a state park permit, materially alters or creates a fictitious state park permit, or uses or
3.25 attempts to use a materially altered, fictitious, or otherwise fraudulent state park permit is
3.26 guilty of a misdemeanor, and the permit is void.

3.27 Sec. 7. **[85.48] PENALTIES; FALSE STATEMENTS OR ALTERATIONS.**

3.28 Subdivision 1. **False statement.** A person who makes a false statement related to an
3.29 application for a cross-country-ski pass or a horse pass is guilty of a misdemeanor, and the
3.30 pass is void.

4.1 Subd. 2. **Altered or fictitious pass.** A person who materially alters or creates a fictitious
4.2 cross-country-ski pass or horse pass or uses or attempts to use a materially altered, fictitious,
4.3 or otherwise fraudulent cross-country-ski pass or horse pass is guilty of a misdemeanor,
4.4 and the pass is void.

4.5 Sec. 8. **[86B.425] UNLAWFUL ACTS RELATED TO LICENSE.**

4.6 Subdivision 1. **Violations.** With regard to any license issued under section 86B.401,
4.7 86B.405, or 86B.411, it is unlawful for any person or dealer:

4.8 (1) to issue, obtain, or use a temporary license certificate without the intent to follow
4.9 through with the license application and sale;

4.10 (2) to obtain or attempt to obtain a license or registration sticker through misrepresentation
4.11 or fraud by knowingly providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue
4.12 information in the license application; or

4.13 (3) to display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession any fictitious or
4.14 fraudulent license or registration sticker.

4.15 Subd. 2. **Penalties.** (a) A temporary license certificate, license, or registration sticker
4.16 that is the subject of a violation under subdivision 1 is void.

4.17 (b) A person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

4.18 (c) A dealer who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

4.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.311, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

4.20 Subdivision 1. ~~Altering Fictitious or altered license or permit.~~ A person that alters a
4.21 license or permit in a material manner, creates a fictitious license or permit, buys or sells a
4.22 fictitious or materially altered license or permit, or uses or attempts to use a materially
4.23 altered, fictitious, or otherwise fraudulent license or permit is guilty of a misdemeanor and
4.24 subject to the penalties in subdivision 7.

4.25 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.311, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.26 Subd. 2. **False statement.** A person that knowingly makes a false statement related to
4.27 an application for a license, or permit or related to a license, permit, or certificate, required
4.28 by or issued under the game and fish laws, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the
4.29 penalties in subdivision 7.

5.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.311, is amended by adding a subdivision
5.2 to read:

5.3 Subd. 7. **Penalties.** A license or permit that is the subject of a violation under subdivision
5.4 1 or 2 is void, and the person convicted of violating subdivision 1 or 2 is subject to the
5.5 following penalties:

5.6 (1) upon first conviction, the person may not obtain a license or permit of that type for
5.7 one year;

5.8 (2) upon second conviction, all the person's licenses to take wild animals are void and
5.9 the person may not obtain a license to take a wild animal or a permit of that type for one
5.10 year; and

5.11 (3) upon third conviction, all the person's licenses to take wild animals are void and the
5.12 person may not obtain a license to take a wild animal or a permit of that type for five years.