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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4234

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state lands; authorizing the conveyance of certain surplus state land in
1.3 Mille Lacs County.

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

1.5 Section 1. PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND BORDERING PUBLIC
1.6 WATER; MILLE LACS COUNTY.

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09 to 94.16, or any other
1.8 law to the contrary, the commissioner of natural resources may convey the surplus land that
1.9 is described in paragraph (c) to a federally recognized Indian Tribe for no consideration.

1.10 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct
1.11 errors and ensure accuracy.

1.12 (c) The land that may be conveyed is located in Mille Lacs County and is described as:
1.13 Government Lot 2, Section 16, Township 42 North, Range 26 West, including all riparian
1.14 rights.

1.15 (d) The land borders Mille Lacs Lake and is not contiguous to other state lands. The
1.16 Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for natural
1.17 resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be served if
1.18 the land were returned to Tribal ownership.