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S.F. No. 1504

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		Referred to Environment and Natural Resources
03/19/2012		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary and Public Safety

A bill for an act
relating to state lands; providing for condemnation of certain riparian school
trust lands.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **CONDEMNATION OF SCHOOL TRUST LAND; VERMILION AND
BASS LAKES; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

- (a) To protect and enhance habitat for fish, game, and wildlife and to ensure the
enjoyment of those resources by the people of Minnesota, the commissioner of natural
resources shall exercise the power of eminent domain under Minnesota Statutes, chapter
117, to acquire fee title to all riparian school trust lands bordering Vermilion and Bass
Lakes in St. Louis County.
- (b) Riparian land condemned under this section must be in parcels determined
according to the subdivisions by the United States surveys. Parcels of riparian land must
be designated from the shoreline of the lake, extending away from the lake only to the first
surveyed subdivision line that yields a parcel of a size that can be legally developed.
- (c) Notwithstanding any requirements of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 117, to the
contrary, the damages awarded for riparian lands condemned under this section must
be substantially equal to the amount paid by the commissioner of natural resources in
acquiring the land for Lake Vermilion State Park under Laws 2008, chapter 365, section
25, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter 189, section 61.
- (d) Damages awarded according to this section shall be paid from the outdoor
heritage fund to the permanent school fund.
- (e) Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 9, does not apply to acquisition
of land under this section. Land acquired under this section is open to the public taking of

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- 2.1 fish and game unless otherwise provided by law and shall be retained in state ownership in
- 2.2 perpetuity for the use and enjoyment of the people of Minnesota.