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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 1896

03/04/2021 Authored by Morrison and Hansen, R., 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 natural resources; increasing watercraft surcharge; creating invasive
1.3 species research account and dedicating receipts; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2020, sections 84D.15; 86B.415, subdivision 7.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84D.15, is amended to read:

1.7 84D.15 INVASIVE SPECIES ACCOUNT ACCOUNTS.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Creation. The invasive species account is and the invasive species
1.9 research account are created in the state treasury in the natural resources fund.

1.10 Subd. 2. Receipts. (a) Money received from surcharges on watercraft licenses under
1.11 section 86B.415, subdivision 7, civil penalties under section 84D.13; and service provider
1.12 permits under section 84D.108; must be deposited in the invasive species account. Each
1.13 year, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer from the game and fish
1.14 fund to the invasive species account, the annual surcharge collected on nonresident fishing
1.15 licenses under section 97A.475, subdivision 7, paragraph (b). Each fiscal year, the
1.16 commissioner of management and budget shall transfer \$375,000 from the water recreation
1.17 account under section 86B.706 to the invasive species account.

1.18 (b) Money received from surcharges on watercraft licenses under section 86B.415,
1.19 subdivision 7, must be deposited as follows:

1.20 (1) \$21 from each surcharge must be deposited in the invasive species account; and

1.21 (2) \$4 from each surcharge must be deposited in the invasive species research account.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Use of money in invasive species account**. Money credited to the invasive  
2.2 species account in subdivision 2 ~~shall~~ must be used for management of invasive species  
2.3 and implementation of this chapter as it pertains to invasive species, including control,  
2.4 public awareness, law enforcement, assessment and monitoring, management planning,  
2.5 habitat improvements, and research. Of the money credited to the account, at least \$2 from  
2.6 each surcharge on watercraft licenses under section 86B.415, subdivision 7, must be used  
2.7 for grants to lake associations to manage aquatic invasive plant species.

2.8 Subd. 4. **Use of money in invasive species research account**. Money credited to the  
2.9 invasive species research account under subdivision 2, paragraph (b), must be used for  
2.10 grants to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the Minnesota Aquatic  
2.11 Invasive Species Research Center to research aquatic invasive species.

2.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 86B.415, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.13 Subd. 7. **Watercraft surcharge**. A ~~\$10.60~~ \$25 surcharge is placed on each watercraft  
2.14 licensed under subdivisions 1 to 5 for control, public awareness, law enforcement, monitoring,  
2.15 and research of aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussel, purple loosestrife, and Eurasian  
2.16 watermilfoil in public waters and public wetlands.