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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy

03/24/2014 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing a state parks and trails license plate;  
1.3 creating an account; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012,  
1.4 section 85.053, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.5 Statutes, chapters 85; 168.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 85.053, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Requirement.** Except as provided in section 85.054, a motor vehicle  
1.9 may not enter a state park, state recreation area, or state wayside over 50 acres in area,  
1.10 without a state park permit issued under this section or a state parks and trails plate issued  
1.11 under section 168.1295. Except for vehicles permitted under subdivisions 7, paragraph  
1.12 (a), clause (2), and 8, the state park permit must be affixed to the lower right corner  
1.13 windshield of the motor vehicle and must be completely affixed by its own adhesive to  
1.14 the windshield, or the commissioner may, by written order, provide an alternative means  
1.15 to display and validate state park permits.

1.16 Sec. 2. **[85.056] STATE PARKS AND TRAILS DONATION ACCOUNT.**

1.17 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The state parks and trails donation account is  
1.18 established as a separate account in the natural resources fund. The account shall be  
1.19 administered by the commissioner of natural resources as provided in this section.

1.20 Subd. 2. **Funding sources.** The state parks and trails donation account shall consist  
1.21 of contributions made under section 168.1295 and other contributions. The contributions  
1.22 may be made in cash, property, land, or interests in land.

1.23 Subd. 3. **Uses.** Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of natural  
1.24 resources to operate and maintain the state parks and trails system.

2.1 Sec. 3. [168.1295] STATE PARKS AND TRAILS PLATES.

2.2 Subdivision 1. General requirements and procedures. (a) The commissioner shall  
2.3 issue state parks and trails plates to an applicant who:

2.4 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, recreational vehicle, one-ton  
2.5 pickup truck, or motorcycle;

2.6 (2) pays a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates;

2.7 (3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

2.8 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

2.9 (5) contributes a onetime minimum donation of \$125 to the state parks and trails  
2.10 donation account established in section 85.056; and

2.11 (6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles  
2.12 and licensing of drivers.

2.13 (b) The state parks and trails plate application must indicate that the contribution  
2.14 specified under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum onetime contribution to receive  
2.15 the plate and that the applicant may make additional contributions to the account.

2.16 (c) State parks and trails plates may be personalized according to section 168.12,  
2.17 subdivision 2a.

2.18 Subd. 2. Design. After consultation with interested groups, the commissioners of  
2.19 natural resources and public safety shall jointly select a suitable symbol for use by the  
2.20 commissioner of public safety to design the state parks and trails plates.

2.21 Subd. 3. No refund. Contributions under this section must not be refunded.

2.22 Subd. 4. Plate transfers. Notwithstanding section 168.12, subdivision 1, on  
2.23 payment of a transfer fee of \$5, plates issued under this section may be transferred to  
2.24 another passenger automobile registered to the person to whom the plates were issued.

2.25 Subd. 5. Contribution and fees credited. Contributions under subdivision 1,  
2.26 paragraph (a), clause (5), must be paid to the commissioner and credited to the state  
2.27 parks and trails donation account established in section 85.056. The other fees collected  
2.28 under this section must be deposited in the vehicle services operating account of the  
2.29 special revenue fund under section 299A.705.

2.30 Subd. 6. Record. The commissioner shall maintain a record of the number of  
2.31 plates issued under this section.

2.32 Subd. 7. Exemption. Special plates issued under this section are not subject to  
2.33 section 168.1293, subdivision 2.