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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 natural resources; modifying the Luce Line State Trail; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 85.015, subdivision 10.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 85.015, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 10. Luce Line Trail, Hennepin, McLeod, and Meeker Counties. (a) The trail
1.7 shall originate at Gleason Lake in Plymouth Village, Hennepin County, and shall follow
1.8 the route of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, and include a connection to Greenleaf Lake
1.9 State Recreation Area.

1.10 (b) The trail shall be developed for multiuse wherever feasible. The department shall
1.11 cooperate in maintaining its integrity for modes of use consistent with local ordinances.

1.12 (c) In establishing, developing, maintaining, and operating the trail, the commissioner
1.13 shall cooperate with local units of government and private individuals and groups. Before
1.14 acquiring any parcel of land for the trail, the commissioner of natural resources shall develop
1.15 a management program for the parcel and conduct a public hearing on the proposed
1.16 management program in the vicinity of the parcel to be acquired. The management program
1.17 of the commissioner shall include but not be limited to the following:

- 1.18 (1) fencing of portions of the trail where necessary to protect adjoining landowners; and
1.19 (2) the maintenance of the trail in a litter free condition to the extent practicable.

1.20 (d) The commissioner shall not acquire any of the right-of-way of the Chicago
1.21 Northwestern Railway Company until the abandonment of the line described in this
1.22 subdivision has been approved by the Surface Transportation Board or the former Interstate

2.1 Commerce Commission. Compensation, in addition to the value of the land, shall include
2.2 improvements made by the railroad, including but not limited to, bridges, trestles, public
2.3 road crossings, or any portion thereof, it being the desire of the railroad that such
2.4 improvements be included in the conveyance. The fair market value of the land and
2.5 improvements shall be recommended by two independent appraisers mutually agreed upon
2.6 by the parties. The fair market value thus recommended shall be reviewed by a review
2.7 appraiser agreed to by the parties, and the fair market value thus determined, and supported
2.8 by appraisals, may be the purchase price. The commissioner may exchange lands with
2.9 landowners abutting the right-of-way described in this section to eliminate diagonally shaped
2.10 separate fields.