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A bill for an act

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relating to state lands; appropriating money to condemn certain land in Mille Lacs

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County and authorizing its transfer for no consideration.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATION; CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN LAND IN MILLE

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LACS COUNTY.

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(a) \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the fund to the commissioner of

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natural resources to initiate condemnation proceedings of the lands described in paragraph

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(b). The commissioner may use this appropriation for project costs, including but not limited

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to valuation expenses, legal fees, closing costs, and transactional staff costs. This is a onetime

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appropriation and is available until spent.

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(b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09 to 94.16, or any other

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provision of law to the contrary, once condemned under paragraph (a), the commissioner

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of natural resources may convey the surplus land bordering public waters that is described

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in paragraph (d) to a federally recognized Indian Tribe for no consideration.

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(c) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct

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errors and ensure accuracy.

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(d) The land that may be conveyed is located in Mille Lacs County and is described as:

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Government Lot 2, Section 16, Township 42 North, Range 26 West, including all riparian

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rights.

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(e) The land borders Mille Lacs Lake and is not contiguous to other state lands. The

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Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for natural

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- resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be served if
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- the land was returned to Tribal ownership.