[272.025] FILING REQUIREMENT. Subdivision 1. Except as provided in subdivision 3, a taxpayer claiming an exemption from taxation on property described in section 272.02, subdivision 1, clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7), except churches and houses of worship and property solely used for educational purposes by academies, colleges, universities or seminaries of learning and property owned by the state of Minnesota or any political subdivision thereof, shall file a statement of exemption with the assessor of the assessment district in which the property is located on or before February 15 of each year for which the taxpayer claims an exemption. In case of sickness, absence or other disability or when in his judgment good cause exists, the assessor may extend the time for filing the statement of exemption for a period not to exceed 60 days. The commissioner of revenue shall prescribe the form and contents of the statement of exemption.

Subd. 2. Upon the written request of the assessor, the taxpayer filing a statement of exemption shall make available to the assessor all books and records relating to the ownership or use of property which are reasonably necessary to verify that the property qualifies for exemption.

Subd. 3. During each of the three years following the year in which a taxpayer files a statement of exemption, the requirements of this section shall not apply to property covered by the statement of exemption unless the property was listed and assessed as taxable property in the preceding year.

Subd. 4. No property subject to the requirements of this section shall be exempt from taxation under section 272.02 if the taxpayer claiming the exemption knowingly violates any of the provisions of this section.

Sec. 3. This act shall be effective for property taxes assessed in 1976 and thereafter and due and payable in 1977 and thereafter.

Approved June 4, 1975.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [86A.01] NATURAL RESOURCES; OUTDOOR RECREATION; CITATION. This act may be cited as the outdoor recreation act of 1975.

Sec. 2. [86A.02] POLICY. Subdivision 1. The legislature finds that the unique natural, cultural, and historical resources of Minnesota provide abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation and education, and finds that these opportunities should be made available to all citizens of Minnesota now and in the future.

Subd. 2. The legislature further finds that the preservation and proper utilization of Minnesota's outdoor recreational resources is becoming increasingly important to the health, welfare, and prosperity of the citizens of Minnesota due to the growing demand for outdoor recreational facilities and the spread of development and urbanization in the state.

Subd. 3. The legislature further finds that the outdoor recreational needs of the people of Minnesota will be best served by the establishment of an outdoor recreational system which will (1) preserve an accurate representation of Minnesota's natural and historical heritage for public understanding and enjoyment and (2) provide an adequate supply of scenic, accessible, and usable lands and waters to accommodate the outdoor recreational needs of Minnesota's citizens.

Subd. 4. Nothing in sections 1 to 11 shall be deemed or construed to abolish, repeal or negate any of the ongoing programs, approved by law, or the authority or activities of the commissioner of natural resources in improving, maintaining and developing fishing, hunting, or other recreational activities conducted upon the public waters and lands of the state or on private lands in cooperation with the owners thereof, except as the uses of the lands or waters may be in express conflict with the provisions of sections 1 to 11.

Subd. 5. The legislature hereby determines that the establishment of an outdoor recreation system will serve these needs and will thus serve a valid public purpose for the people of this state.

Sec. 3. [86A.03] DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. For the purposes of the outdoor recreation system, the terms defined in this section shall

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have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Managing agency" means the organization or person which, pursuant to section 5, is given responsibility for the administration of a particular unit or class of units of the outdoor recreation system.

Subd. 3. "Outdoor recreation" means any voluntary activity, including hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, camping, and engaging in winter sports, which is conducted primarily for the purposes of pleasure, rest, or relaxation and is dependent upon or derives its principal benefit from natural surroundings; "outdoor recreation" shall also mean any demonstration, structure, exhibit, or activity which is primarily intended to preserve, demonstrate, or explain a significant aspect of the natural and cultural history, and archaeology of Minnesota.

Subd. 4. "Administration" or "administer" means the process, or any part thereof, of the preparation, operation, and management of a unit, including but not limited to the following:

(a) management of natural resources and visitors;

(b) construction and development of structures, service facilities, and programs for visitor and administrative use;

(c) maintenance of natural resources and facilities;

(d) operations.

Subd. 5. "Landscape region" means an identifiable geographic region with generally homogeneous natural characteristics which exemplify the natural processes which formed the geography, geology, topography and biology of the state.

Subd. 6. "Facility" or "facilities" means any building, structure, modification, or improvement made or built upon the land or waters of a unit.

Sec. 4. [86A.04] COMPOSITION OF SYSTEM. The outdoor recreation system shall consist of all natural state parks; recreational state parks; state trails established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 84.029, Subdivision 2, and 85.015; state scientific and natural areas; state wilderness areas; state forests; state wildlife management areas; state water access sites, which include all lands and facilities established by the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner of highways to provide public access to water; state wild, scenic, and recreational rivers; state historic sites; and state rest areas, which include all facilities established by the commissioner of highways for the safety, rest, comfort and use of the highway traveler, and shall include all existing facilities designated as rest areas and waystations.
sides by the commissioner of highways. Each individual natural state park, recreational state park, and so forth is called a "unit".

Sec. 5. [86A.05] CLASSIFICATION AND PURPOSES. Subdivision 1. CLASSIFICATION. The outdoor recreation system shall be comprised of units classified as follows, and each unit shall be authorized, established, and administered to accomplish the purpose and objectives of its classification.

Subd. 2. NATURAL STATE PARK; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION. (a) A natural state park shall be established to protect and perpetuate extensive areas of the state possessing those resources which illustrate and exemplify Minnesota's natural phenomena and to provide for the use, enjoyment, and understanding of such resources without impairment for the enjoyment and recreation of future generations.

(b) No unit shall be authorized as a natural state park unless its proposed location substantially satisfies the following criteria:

(1) Exemplifies the natural characteristics of the major landscape regions of the state, as shown by accepted classifications, in an essentially unspoiled or restored condition or in a condition that will permit restoration in the foreseeable future; or contains essentially unspoiled natural resources of sufficient extent and importance to meaningfully contribute to the broad illustration of the state's natural phenomena; and

(2) Contains natural resources, sufficiently diverse and interesting to attract people from throughout the state; and

(3) Is sufficiently large to permit protection of the plant and animal life and other natural resources which give the park its qualities and provide for a broad range of opportunities for human enjoyment of these qualities.

(c) Natural state parks shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision to preserve, perpetuate, and interpret natural features that existed in the area of the park prior to settlement and other significant natural, scenic, scientific, or historic features that are present. Management shall seek to maintain a balance among the plant and animal life of the park and to reestablish desirable plants and animals that were formerly indigenous to the park area but are now missing. Programs to interpret the natural features of the park shall be provided. Outdoor recreation activities to utilize the natural features of the park that can be accommodated without material disturbance of the natural features of the park or the introduction of undue artificiality into the natural scene may be permitted. Park use shall be primarily for aesthetic, cultural, and educational purposes, and shall not be designed to accommodate all forms or unlimited volumes of recrea-
tional use. Physical development shall be limited to those facilities necessary to complement the natural features and the values being preserved.

Subd. 3. RECREATIONAL STATE PARK; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION. (a) A recreational state park shall be established to provide a broad selection of outdoor recreation opportunities in a natural setting which may be used by large numbers of people.

(b) No unit shall be authorized as a recreational state park unless its proposed location substantially satisfies the following criteria:

(1) Contains natural or artificial resources which provide outstanding outdoor recreational opportunities that will attract visitors from beyond the local area;

(2) Contains resources which permit intensive recreational use by large numbers of people; and

(3) May be located in areas which have serious deficiencies in public outdoor recreation facilities, provided that recreational state parks should not be provided in lieu of municipal, county, or regional facilities.

(c) Recreational state parks shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision primarily to provide as broad a selection of opportunities for outdoor recreation as is consistent with maintaining a pleasing natural environment. Scenic, historic, scientific, scarce, or disappearing resources within recreational state parks shall be recommended for authorization as historic sites or designated scientific and natural areas pursuant to section 8 of this act to preserve and protect them. Physical development shall enhance and promote the use and enjoyment of the natural recreational resources of the area.

Subd. 4. STATE TRAIL; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION; DESIGNATION. (a) A state trail shall be established to provide a recreational travel route which connects units of the outdoor recreation system or the national trail system, provides access to or passage through other areas which have significant scenic, historic, scientific, or recreational qualities or reestablishes or permits travel along an historically prominent travel route or which provides commuter transportation.

(b) No unit shall be authorized as a state trail unless its proposed location substantially satisfies the following criteria:

(1) Permits travel in an appropriate manner along a route which provides at least one of the following recreational opportunities:
(i) travel along a route which connects areas or points of natural, scientific, cultural, and historic interest;

(ii) travel through an area which possesses outstanding scenic beauty;

(iii) travel over a route designed to enhance and utilize the unique qualities of a particular manner of travel in harmony with the natural environment;

(iv) travel along a route which is historically significant as a route of migration, commerce, or communication;

(v) travel between units of the state outdoor recreation system or the national trail system; and

(2) Utilizes, to the greatest extent possible consistent with the purposes of this subdivision, public lands, rights-of-way, and the like; and

(3) Provides maximum potential for the appreciation, conservation, and enjoyment of significant scenic, historical, natural, or cultural qualities of the areas through which the trail may pass; and

(4) Takes into consideration predicted public demand and future use.

(c) State trails shall be administered by the commissioners of highways or natural resources as specified by law in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision. State trails established by the commissioner of natural resources shall be managed to provide a travel route through an area with a minimum disturbance of the natural environment and recognizing other multiple land use activities. Trail markers shall be limited to those providing safety information and interpretation.

(d) Facilities for the rest and comfort of trail users shall be provided primarily within units of the outdoor recreation system through which the trail passes. When additional facilities are required to insure the rest and comfort of the traveler, the managing agency may develop such facilities along the trail and shall designate the facilities as trail waysides. In addition to the foregoing purpose, trail waysides shall be developed for the preservation and interpretation of the trail's natural, historic, or scenic values, and may include facilities for primitive camping, picnicking, sanitation, and parking for access to the trail.

Subd. 5. STATE SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION; DESIGNATION. (a) A state scientific and natural area shall be established to protect and perpetuate in an undisturbed natural state those natural features which possess exceptional scientific or educational value;
(b) No unit shall be authorized as a scientific and natural area unless its proposed location substantially satisfies the following criteria:

(1) Embraces natural features of exceptional scientific and educational value, including but not limited to any of the following:

(i) natural formations or features which significantly illustrate geological processes;

(ii) significant fossil evidence of the development of life on earth;

(iii) an undisturbed plant community maintaining itself under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota;

(iv) an ecological community significantly illustrating the process of succession and restoration to natural condition following disruptive change;

(v) a habitat supporting a vanishing, rare, endangered, or restricted species of plant or animal;

(vi) a relict flora or fauna persisting from an earlier period; or

(vii) a seasonal haven for concentrations of birds and animals, or a vantage point for observing concentrated populations, such as a constricted migration route; and

(2) Embraces an area large enough to permit effective research or educational functions and to preserve the inherent natural values of the area.

(c) State scientific and natural areas shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with qualified persons, in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision to preserve, perpetuate and protect from unnatural influences the scientific and educational resources within them. Interpretive studies may be provided for the general public. Physical development shall be limited to the facilities absolutely necessary for protection, research, and educational projects, and, where appropriate, for interpretive services. An area designated as a state scientific and natural area shall not be altered in designation or use without holding a public hearing on the matter at a time and place designated in the notice of the hearing, which shall be published once in a legal newspaper in each county in which the lands are situated at least seven days in advance of the hearing. At the hearing the commissioner shall provide an opportunity for any person to be heard.

(d) At the discretion of the managing agency, each scientific and natural area shall be designated as one of the following types:
Subd. 5, STATE WILDERNESS AREA; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION, (a) A state wilderness area shall be established to preserve, in a natural wild and undeveloped condition, areas which offer outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive types of outdoor recreation.

(b) No unit shall be authorized as a state wilderness area unless its proposed location substantially satisfies the following criteria:

Appears to have been primarily affected by the forces of nature, with the evidence of man being substantially unnoticeable or where the evidence of man may be eliminated by restoration.

(c) State wilderness areas shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision, and shall be managed only to the extent necessary to control fire, insects, and disease, and to preserve existing wilderness or reestablish wilderness conditions. There shall be no development of public roads, permanent dwellings, or recreational facilities except trails for nonmotorized traffic. Motorized traffic shall not be allowed. No commercial utilization of timber or minerals shall be allowed. Facilities existing at the time of establishment shall be removed.

Subd. 6, STATE WILDERNESS AREA; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION, (a) A state wilderness area shall be established to preserve, in a natural wild and undeveloped condition, areas which offer outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive types of outdoor recreation.

(b) No unit shall be authorized as a state wilderness area unless its proposed location substantially satisfies the following criteria:

Appears to have been primarily affected by the forces of nature, with the evidence of man being substantially unnoticeable or where the evidence of man may be eliminated by restoration.

(c) State wilderness areas shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision, and shall be managed only to the extent necessary to control fire, insects, and disease, and to preserve existing wilderness or reestablish wilderness conditions. There shall be no development of public roads, permanent dwellings, or recreational facilities except trails for nonmotorized traffic. Motorized traffic shall not be allowed. No commercial utilization of timber or minerals shall be allowed. Facilities existing at the time of establishment shall be removed.

Subd. 7, STATE FORESTS AND STATE FOREST SUB-AREAS; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION, (a) A state forest, as established by Minnesota Statutes, Section 89.021, shall be administered to accomplish the purposes set forth in that section, and a state forest sub-area shall be established to permit development and management of specialized outdoor recreation at locations and in a manner consistent with the primary purpose of the forest.

(b) No unit shall be authorized as a state forest sub-area unless it is located within a state forest and contains suitable natural resources to accommodate any of the following uses:

1. Day use areas. Areas which permit recreational use of the forest in its natural state, not requiring an overnight stay, including but not limited to picnicking, fishing, swimming, boat launching, hiking, in-
interpretation, and nature observation.

(2) Campground. Provide minimum facilities to accommodate overnight camping.

(c) Outdoor recreation sub-areas located within state forests shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision.

Subd. 8. STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION. (a) A state wildlife management area shall be established to protect those lands and waters which have a high potential for wildlife production and to develop and manage these lands and waters for the production of wildlife, for public hunting, fishing, and trapping, and for other compatible outdoor recreational uses.

(b) No unit shall be authorized as a state wildlife management area unless its proposed location substantially satisfies the following criteria:

(1) Includes appropriate wildlife lands and habitat, including but not limited to marsh or wetlands and the margins thereof, ponds, lakes, stream bottomlands, and uplands, which permit the propagation and management of a substantial population of the desired wildlife species; and

(2) Includes an area large enough to ensure adequate wildlife management and regulation of the permitted recreational uses.

(c) State wildlife management areas shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision to perpetuate, and if necessary, reestablish quality wildlife habitat for maximum production of a variety of wildlife species. Public hunting, fishing, trapping, and other uses shall be consistent with the limitations of the resource, including the need to preserve an adequate brood stock and prevent long term habitat injury or excessive wildlife population reduction or increase. Physical development may provide access to the area, but shall be so developed as to minimize intrusion on the natural environment.

Subd. 9. STATE WATER ACCESS SITE; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION. (a) A state water access site shall be established to provide public access to rivers and lakes which are suitable for outdoor water recreation and where the access is necessary to permit public use.

(b) No unit shall be authorized as a state water access site unless its proposed location substantially satisfies the following criteria:

(1) The body of water to which access is being provided and sur-
rounding lands can withstand additional recreational use without undue damage to the environment or undue risks to the health and safety of water users:

(2) Public access to the body of water is either nonexistent or inadequate.

(c) State water access sites shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner of highways in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision to provide public access to water. Access roads, off-road parking areas, refuse containers, sanitary facilities, and facilities for limited picnicking and primitive camping may be provided when the commissioner determines that these activities are justifiable and are compatible with the resource and the natural environment.

Subd. 10. STATE WILD, SCENIC, AND RECREATIONAL RIVERS; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION; DESIGNATION. (a) State wild, scenic, and recreational rivers shall be established to protect and maintain the natural characteristics of all or a portion of a river or stream, or its tributaries, or lake through which the river or stream flows which together with adjacent lands possesses outstanding scenic, scientific, historical, or recreational value, as provided by sections 104.31 to 104.40.

(b) State wild, scenic, and recreational rivers shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision and sections 104.31 to 104.40.

Subd. 11. STATE HISTORIC SITES; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION; DESIGNATION. (a) A state historic site shall be established to preserve, restore, and interpret buildings and other structures, locales, sites, antiquities, and related lands which aptly illustrate significant events, personalities, and features of the history and archaeology of the state or nation.

(b) No unit shall be authorized as a state historic site unless it is historically important for any of the following reasons:

(1) Is the site of or directly associated with a significant historical event; or

(2) Is associated with persons whose lives and accomplishments are historically unique or important; or

(3) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of an architectural style or method of construction which represents a particular and significant historical period, or the work of a master builder, designer, or architect; or

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(4) Has yielded, or is likely to yield, historical or archaeological artifacts, records, or other original data or information; or

(5) Is a geographical feature of outstanding significance and includes, by way of example, the highest point in the state, the continental divide, and the source of the Mississippi river.

(c) State historic sites shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources, the Minnesota historical society, the board of regents of the university of Minnesota, governmental subdivisions of the state, or by county historical societies jointly or independently as designated by law in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision to maintain and, if necessary, restore the historical integrity of the site to commemorate or illustrate its historical importance. Ancient features of significance shall be protected from disturbance until archaeological research has been completed. Interpretive programs for visitors shall be provided including, where practicable, interpretation of research programs under supervised conditions. Recreational use of natural features shall be permitted only where this can be accomplished without detriment to historical values. Physical development shall be limited to those facilities necessary to achieve the management and use objectives.

Subd. 12. STATE REST AREA; PURPOSE; RESOURCE AND SITE QUALIFICATIONS; ADMINISTRATION. (a) A state rest area shall be established to promote a safe, pleasurable, and informative travel experience along Minnesota highways by providing areas and facilities at reasonable intervals for information, emergencies, or the rest and comfort of travelers.

(b) No unit shall be authorized as a state rest area unless its proposed location substantially satisfies the following criteria:

(1) Is adjacent to or in near proximity to a trunk or interstate highway;

(2) Is developed at appropriate intervals based on the type of road system, traffic and traffic projections and known or projected usage of the proposed development;

(3) May be near or associated with a place or area of natural, scientific, cultural, or historic interest.

(c) Rest areas shall be administered by the commissioner of highways in cooperation with other agencies as appropriate in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision. State rest areas may be managed to provide parking, resting, restroom, picnicking, orientation, travel information, and other facilities for the convenience of the traveling public. Where located in conjunction with features of interest, state rest areas shall provide interpretive exhibits or other facilities if appropriate to promote understanding and enjoyment.

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Sec. 6. [86A.06] RULES AND REGULATIONS. Each managing agency, in consultation with the state planning agency, shall promulgate rules relating to the units of the outdoor recreation system within its jurisdiction, which shall provide for administration of the units in the manner specified in section 5 and the laws relating to each type of unit. The authority provided by this subdivision does not amend or repeal authority possessed by the commissioner of natural resources pursuant to section 97.53, subdivision 2, and in no way is intended to modify or diminish authority possessed by the commissioner in relation to section 97.53, subdivision 2.

Sec. 7. [86A.07] AUTHORIZATION AND ACQUISITION OF UNITS. Subdivision 1. LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION. A unit of the outdoor recreation system shall be deemed to be authorized upon the enactment of a law (1) describing the land, water, or facility which shall comprise the unit; (2) designating the unit's classification pursuant to section 5; (3) directing and authorizing acquisition of the unit thus described; and (4) specifying the methods of acquisition and the types of interests in land that may be acquired.

Subd. 2. ACQUISITION. Upon authorization of a unit pursuant to subdivision 1, the managing agency shall as soon as possible acquire the lands, waters, or facilities as authorized.

Subd. 3. AUTHORIZATION BY DESIGNATION. In any instance where a managing agency, or the commissioner of administration on behalf of the managing agency, is specifically empowered by law to acquire lands or waters or any interest in lands or waters for the purpose of establishing units of the outdoor recreation system, a unit may be authorized upon (1) the acquisition of land and waters pursuant to the lawful exercise of the power to acquire and (2) the designation by the managing agency of the land and waters as a classified unit of the outdoor recreation system.

Sec. 8. [86A.08] AUTHORIZATION OF SECONDARY UNITS. Subdivision 1. SECONDARY AUTHORIZATION; WHEN PERMITTED. A unit of the outdoor recreation system may be authorized wholly or partially within the boundaries of another unit only when the authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the respective units and only in the instances permitted below:

(a) The following units may be authorized wholly or partially within a natural state park: historic site, scientific and natural area, wilderness area, wild, scenic, and recreational river, trail, rest area, and water access site.

(b) The following units may be authorized wholly or partially within a recreational state park: historic site, scientific and natural area, wild, scenic, and recreational river, trail, rest area, and water access site.
The following units may be authorized wholly or partially within a state forest: natural state park, recreational state park, historic site, wildlife management area, scientific and natural area, wilderness area, wild, scenic, and recreational river, trail, rest area, and water access site.

The following units may be authorized wholly or partially within a state historic site: wild, scenic, and recreational river, trail, rest area, and water access site.

The following units may be authorized wholly or partially within a state wildlife management area; state water access site.

The following units may be authorized wholly or partially within a state wild, scenic, or recreational river: natural state park, historic site, scientific and natural area, wilderness area, trail, rest area, and water access site.

The following units may be authorized wholly or partially within a state rest area: historic site, trail, wild, scenic, and recreational river, and water access site.

ADMINISTRATION OF SECONDARY UNITS. A unit shall be administered by the managing agency to which it is assigned by section 5 even when located wholly or partially within another unit administered by a different managing agency, unless otherwise specifically provided by law or by agreement between the agencies involved.

Sec. 9. [86A.09] DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITS. Subdivision 1. MASTER PLAN REQUIRED. No construction of new facilities or other development of an authorized unit, other than repairs and maintenance, shall commence until the managing agency has prepared and submitted to the state planning agency and the state planning agency has reviewed, pursuant to this section, a master plan for administration of the unit in conformity with this section. This requirement shall not apply to an existing unit until August 1, 1977. No master plan is required for wildlife management areas that do not have resident managers, for water access sites, or for rest areas.

Subd. 2. MASTER PLAN; PREPARATION AND CONTENT. The managing agency shall supervise preparation of the master plan and shall utilize the professional staffs of any agency of the state when the expertise of the staff of such agency is necessary to adequately prepare the master plan; the master plan shall present the information in a format and detail that is appropriate to the size and complexity of the authorized unit. When the master plan has been completed the managing agency shall announce to the public in a manner reasonably designed to inform interested persons that the master plan is available for public review and in the case of any major unit shall hold at least
one public hearing on the plan in the vicinity of the unit. The managing 
agency shall make the master plan available for review and comment 
by the public and other state agencies for at least 30 days following 
the announcement and before submitting the master plan to the state 
planning agency. Copies of the plan shall be provided to members of 
the outdoor recreation advisory council and to any other person on re-
quest.

Subd. 3. MASTER PLAN; REVIEW AND APPROVAL. All master 
plans required by this section shall be submitted to the state planning 
agency for review pursuant to this subdivision. The state planning 
agency shall review the master plan to determine whether the plan: (a) 
provides for administration of the unit in a manner that is consistent 
with the purposes for which the unit was authorized and with the prin-
cipals governing the administration of the unit, as specified in section 5 
and the statutes relating to each type of unit; (b) recognizes values and 
resources within the unit that are primarily the responsibility of an-
other managing agency to protect or develop, and provides for their 
protection or development either through a cooperative agreement 
with the other managing agency or through designation of the appro-
priate area as a secondary unit. In reviewing any master plan, the state 
planning agency shall consult with other state agencies. Within 60 
days after receiving the master plan, the state planning agency shall 
notify the managing agency that the plan has been reviewed and for-
ward its recommendations for any changes it might suggest. The man-
aging agency shall review the recommendations and notify the state 
planning agency of the disposition made of them. Failure to comment 
on a master plan within the time specified shall be considered approval 
of the plan by the state planning agency. If the director of the state 
planning agency feels that the master plan still fails significantly to 
comply with this subdivision, he may request review of the master 
plan by the governor. In that event review shall not be deemed com-
pleted until after the master plan has been approved by the governor 
or 60 days have elapsed without action by the governor to approve or 
reject the plan, whichever occurs first.

Subd. 4. DEVELOPMENT. Construction of necessary facilities and 
other development of the unit shall commence as soon as practicable 
after review of the master plan by the state planning agency, and the 
governor if requested, and shall be carried out in conformity with the 
master plan.

Subd. 5. ESTABLISHMENT. When, in the opinion of the manag-
ing agency, acquisition and development of the unit are sufficiently 
complete to permit operation and administration of the unit in substan-
tial conformity with the master plan as approved, the managing 
agency shall declare the unit established and ready for use.

Sec. 10. [86A.10] OUTDOOR RECREATION ADVISORY COUN-
CIL. Subdivision 1. MEMBERSHIP. Each regional development com-
mission and the metropolitan council shall designate one of its mem-

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bers to serve on the outdoor recreation advisory council, which is hereby created. The governor shall appoint the chairman of the council to serve at his pleasure. Seven of the initial members of the council shall be appointed to terms ending January 1, 1979; the remaining members shall be appointed to terms ending January 7, 1980. Thereafter, members shall be appointed to terms ending the first Monday in January four years after the scheduled end of the prior terms. If a successor has not been appointed for a member by July 1 after the scheduled end of the member's term, the term of that member for whom a successor has not been appointed shall be extended until the first Monday in January four years after the scheduled end of his term.

Subd. 2. DUTIES. The council shall advise the commissioner of natural resources, the Minnesota Historical Society and the commissioner of highways concerning the administration of each type of unit of the outdoor recreation system and shall review the master plans for major units.

Subd. 3. COMPENSATION. Members of the council shall receive $25 per day spent on council activities plus expenses in the manner and amount as provided for state employees.

Subd. 4. REMOVAL; FILLING VACANCIES. A member may be removed at any time by the appointing authority (1) for cause after notice and hearing or (2) after missing three consecutive meetings. The chairman of the council shall inform the appointing authority of a member missing the three meetings. The secretary of the council shall inform in writing a member after the second consecutive missed meeting and before the next meeting that he is subject to removal if he misses the next meeting. The appointing authority shall fill a vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Subd. 5. TERMINATION DATE. The council shall terminate on June 30, 1983.

Sec. 11. [86A.11] REGISTRY OF UNITS. The commissioner of natural resources shall compile and maintain a current registry of the name, location, size, and description of all units of the outdoor recreation system under his jurisdiction and under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Historical Society and the commissioner of highways. The commissioner of natural resources shall publish and distribute the information contained in the registry in a form and manner suitable to assist persons wishing to use these units. The Minnesota Historical Society and the commissioner of highways shall cooperate with and assist the commissioner of natural resources in preparing and distributing the registry.

Sec. 12. REVIEW OF CLASSIFICATIONS. Subdivision 1. STATE PARKS, MONUMENTS, RECREATION AREAS, AND WAYSIDES. The commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of highways, the director of the Minnesota Historical Society, and the director of the
state planning agency shall review all state parks, monuments, recreation areas, and waysides which have been established, confirmed, and designated as such in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 85.012 and 85.013, to determine the most appropriate classification and managing agency for each unit pursuant to the purposes and criteria of section 5 and shall submit their recommendations to the legislature on or before January 1, 1976 and January 1, 1977. Until such time as a unit's classification or managing agency is changed by law, the unit shall be managed under present policies and retain its present classification and managing agency.

Subd. 2. HISTORIC SITES. The director of the Minnesota historical society, the commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of highways, and the director of the state planning agency shall review all historic sites enumerated in the state historic sites registry, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 138.53 and 138.55, and the state monuments enumerated in Minnesota Statutes, Section 138.585, to determine the most appropriate classification, managing agency, and designation pursuant to section 5 and shall submit their recommendations to the legislature on or before January 1, 1976 and January 1, 1977. Until such time as a unit's classification, designation, or managing agency is changed by law, the unit shall be managed under present policies and retain its present classification, designation, and managing agency.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 84.029, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

84.029 RECREATIONAL AREAS ON PUBLIC LAND. Subdivision 1. ESTABLISHMENT, DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION. In addition to other lawful authority, the commissioner of natural resources may establish, develop, maintain, and operate recreational areas, including but not limited to campgrounds, day use areas, trails, and canoe routes, for the use and enjoyment of the public on any state owned or leased land under his jurisdiction. Each employee of the department of natural resources, while engaged in his employment in connection with such recreational areas, has and possesses the authority and power of a peace officer when so designated by the commissioner.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 84.03, is amended to read:

84.03 ADDITIONAL DUTIES AND POWERS. So far as practicable the commissioner shall collect and arrange statistics and other information in reference to the lands and general and special resources of the state.

He is hereby authorized and empowered to take such measures as he may deem advisable to advertise, both within and without the state, sales of all state lands, and to secure, compile, and issue such valuable statistics of the resources of the state.

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He may adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, governing the use and enjoyment of state land reserved from sale, state parks, state public camp grounds, public state water access sites, boat launching facilities, state recreation reserves, state trails, state monument sites—monuments, state scientific and natural areas, state wilderness areas, and recreational areas owned by other state, local and federal agencies and operated under agreement by the department of natural resources, which shall have the force and effect of law. A reasonable fee may be fixed, charged, and collected by the commissioner for the privilege of the use of any or all of the foregoing privileges and facilities.

The commissioner, on or before November 15 of each even numbered year, shall report to the legislature his acts and doings, with recommendation for the improvement or conservation of state parks, state public camp grounds, public state water access sites, boat launching facilities, state recreation reserves, state trails, and state monument sites—monuments, state scientific and natural areas, state forests, state wildlife management areas, public hunting grounds, public shooting grounds, food and cover planting areas, wildlife lands, recreational or public hunting areas, state wild and scenic rivers, state wilderness areas, and all other recreational lands under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources, and for desirable accessions thereto, such report to include an inventory of the tracts and parcels of land, and rights, interests, and easements therein, held by the state or withdrawn from sale for any of these purposes, with the value thereof, and a list of the name, location, size, and description of each state trail, state scientific and natural area, state wildlife management area, state water access site, and state wild, scenic, or recreational river designated by him, and each public hunting grounds, public shooting grounds, food and cover planting area, wildlife lands, and recreational or public hunting area acquired by him since his last report. He shall maintain a long range plan governing the use of the public domain under his jurisdiction.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 84.033, is amended to read:

84.033 SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS. The commissioner of natural resources may acquire by gift, lease, easement, or purchase, in the manner prescribed under chapter 117, in the name of the state, lands or any interest in lands suitable and desirable for establishing and maintaining scientific and natural areas. The commissioner shall designate as such the scientific and natural area lands under his jurisdiction and may post any of these lands as a "scientific and natural area. He shall preserve, protect, and manage these lands for the public welfare in consultation with qualified persons; and shall make such improvements as are found necessary to these purposes. For the purposes of this section, "scientific and natural area" means an area of land or water having values inherent in the natural condition of the land or water. These values include, but are not limited to the follow-
ing: (1) a living museum; (2) a site for scientific study; (3) an area for teaching natural history and conservation; and (4) a habitat for rare and endangered species of plants and animals. Land designated as a "scientific and natural area" shall not be altered in designation or use without holding a public hearing on the matter at a time and place designated in the notice of the hearing, which shall be published once in a legal newspaper in each county in which the lands are situated at least seven days in advance of the hearing. At the hearing the commissioner shall provide an opportunity for any person to be heard—shall designate any land so acquired as a scientific and natural area and shall administer any land so acquired and designated as provided by section 5 of this act.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 97.48, Subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. The commissioner shall acquire by gift, lease, easement, purchase, or condemnation in the manner prescribed under sections 117.011 to 117.232, in the name of the state, lands or any interest in lands suitable and desirable for establishing and maintaining public hunting grounds, game refuges and food and cover planting areas, and to make all improvements thereon deemed by him advisable, provided that not more than one third— at least two thirds— of the total area so acquired in any county for a public hunting grounds, game refuge, food and cover planting area, or other wildlife management area shall be established as a refuge open to public hunting. The commissioner may designate lands or interests in lands acquired pursuant to this subdivision as wildlife management areas for the purposes of the outdoor recreation system.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 97.48, Subdivision 15, is amended to read:

Subd. 15. The commissioner shall acquire by gift, lease, purchase, or condemnation in the manner prescribed by chapter 117, in the name of the state, from the game and fish fund; parking or camping areas; state water access sites of not to exceed five acres, adjacent to public waters to which the public theretofore had no access or where the access is inadequate and upon which the public has a right to hunt and fish, and such easements and rights of way as may be required to connect such areas—sites with public highways, provided, no acquisition costing over $1,000 shall be made without first obtaining the approval of the executive council, and provided further that the authority herein granted shall not extend to lakes completely surrounded by lands owned and maintained for the purpose of conducting an educational or religious institution, or to lakes which are unmeandered or which contain less than 200 acres within the meander lines; provided, that in the case of any lake containing less than 200 acres but not less than 150 acres within the meander lines, the authority herein granted shall apply where the lands, easements, or rights of way required are acquired by gift or purchase but not by condemnation and provided further, that changes or additions indicated by underline deletions by strikeout.
public easements and public right of way may be acquired other than by condemnation to lakes of any size which are to be thereafter managed intensively for fishing. All areas-sites, easements, and rights of way acquired hereunder shall be maintained by the commissioner from the game and fish fund, except that the commissioner may make agreements with the county board if the connecting public highway is a county state-aid highway or county highway and the town board if the connecting public highway is a town road for the maintenance of the easements and rights of way to the areas-sites. The county board and town board may expend money from their respective road and bridge funds for such maintenance in accordance with the agreement.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 97.48, Subdivision 25, is amended to read:

Subd. 25. The commissioner may, for purposes of identification, post any land under his jurisdiction acquired for public hunting grounds, food and cover planting areas, game refuges, wildlife lands and conservation area lands, as "wildlife management area" so as to indicate the management purpose thereof.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 97.481, is amended to read:

97.481 ACQUISITION OF WILDLIFE LANDS. The commissioner of natural resources is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire, in the name of the state, by gift, lease, purchase and transfer of state lands, any such wildlife lands, such as marsh or wetlands, and the margins thereof, including ponds, small lakes and stream bottom lands, which he finds desirable to acquire in the interests of water conservation relating to wildlife development programs, and, he may also acquire for this purpose from any state agency, itself included, lands now in state ownership or tax-forfeited which are suitable for wildlife purposes, and when such lands are so acquired, he is authorized to develop the same in the interest of wildlife, recreational or public hunting areas as he shall deem desirable. No such lands shall be acquired until first approved for such purchase, or lease, by a majority of the members of the board of county commissioners in the counties where the land to be purchased, or leased, is located. In the counties in which a soil and water conservation district is organized the supervisors will act as counsellors to the board of county commissioners regarding the best utilization and capability of the land proposed for purchase, including the questions of drainage and flood control. The commissioner in the purchase of such wetlands must recognize that when a majority of land owners, or owners of a majority of the land in the watershed, petition for a drainage outlet, that the state should not interfere, or unnecessarily delay such drainage proceedings when such proceedings are conducted according to the Minnesota Drainage Code. In no case should state lands, so purchased, or leased, be used to produce crops which are in a surplus as defined by the federal government unless such crops are needed to sustain wildlife. No lands described herein...
shall be acquired unless there is acquired simultaneously therewith a right-of-way or easement from said lands to a public road so as to make entry upon said lands available to the public. The commissioner may designate lands or interests in lands acquired pursuant to this section as wildlife management areas for the purposes of the outdoor recreation system.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 99.251, is amended to read:

99.251 MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERY IN WHITEWATER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. The commissioner of natural resources of the state of Minnesota shall keep and maintain in a proper and decent manner and keep free of weeds any cemetery in the White-water game refuge state wildlife management area.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 104.35, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Following the public hearing, and such additional public hearings as the commissioner shall deem necessary, and following review by the state planning agency as required by section 9, he may by order designate the river or segment thereof as a wild, scenic, or recreational river and shall adopt a management plan to govern the area. The commissioner shall notify and inform public agencies and private landowners of the plan and its purposes so as to encourage their cooperation in the management and use of their land in a manner consistent with the plan and its purposes.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 104.37, is amended to read:

104.37 ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS IN LAND; DEVELOPMENT. Subdivision 1. To further the purposes of sections 104.31 to 104.40, the commissioner of administration, for the commissioner of natural resources, may acquire the title, scenic easements or other interests in land, by purchase, grant, gift, devise, exchange, lease, or other lawful means. "Scenic easement" means an interest in land, less than the fee title, which limits the use of such land for the purpose of protecting the scenic, recreational, or natural characteristics of a wild, scenic or recreational river area. Unless otherwise expressly and specifically provided by the parties, such easement shall be (a) perpetually held for the benefit of the people of Minnesota; (b) specifically enforceable by its holder or any beneficiary; and (c) binding upon the holder of the servient estate, his heirs, successors and assigns. Unless specifically provided by the parties, no such easement shall give the holder or any beneficiary the right to enter on the land except for enforcement of the easement.

Subd. 2. The commissioner of natural resources may designate and develop appropriate areas of public land along wild, scenic, and...
recreational rivers as water waysides for facilities compatible with the class of river, including, as appropriate, primitive campsites, picnic sites, portages, water access sites, sanitation facilities, and interpretive display.

Subd. 3. The commissioner of natural resources may mark canoe and boating routes along a wild, scenic, or recreational river, consistent with the classification and characteristics of the river, including points of interest, portages, campsites, dams, rapids, waterfalls, whirlpools, and other hazards to navigation. Canoe routes, boating routes, campsites, and portages marked under this subdivision shall not be subject to the provisions of section 160.06.

Subd. 4. The commissioner of natural resources may designate all or a portion of a state wild, scenic, or recreational river that possesses the necessary qualifications as a state trout stream, and make habitat improvement as may be necessary, desirable, and consistent with the classification of the river.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.09, is amended to read:

138.09 COUNTY BOARDS MAY ACQUIRE HISTORIC SITES. The board of county commissioners of any county is hereby authorized to acquire and maintain tracts of land within the county which are designated as having historical or archaeological significance and whose acquisition and maintenance are approved by the Minnesota historical society in accordance with the provisions of section 188.06 and to aid in the construction of markers on such lands.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.52, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

138.52 DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. Land or water areas containing historic or archeological value for the purposes of sections 138.51 to 138.63 are designated as “state historic sites.” A “state historic site” is also an area designated by the Minnesota historical society as a site possessing historical value of state or national significance. The term “state historic site” includes the items defined in this section 138.72.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.53, Subdivision 49, is amended to read:

Subd. 49. Lac qui Parle Mission, owned by the state, is in Chippewa county and is hereby renamed from Chippewa Mission State Wayside.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.53, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 62. Fort Snelling, owned by the state, is in Dakota, Henne-
pin, and Ramsey counties and is located within the boundaries of Fort Snelling state park.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.53, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 63. Cantonment New Hope, owned by the state, is in Dakota county and is located within the authorized boundaries of Fort Snelling state park.

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.53, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 64. Camp Coldwater, owned by the state, is in Hennepin county.

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.53, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 65. Old Fort Snelling historic district is in Hennepin county, and consists of the area described in section 138.73, subdivision 13.

Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.56, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

138.56 STATE HISTORIC SITES; REGISTRY, LANDS OWNED BY THE CITIES AND COUNTIES OF MINNESOTA. Subdivision 1. The land and water areas enumerated in this section are hereby designated by law as "state historic sites," and this section is a registry of state historic sites situated on property owned by the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis and counties of the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.56, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. Browns Valley Man, owned by the city of Browns Valley, is in Traverse county and consists of block 23, Platteau Addition, city of Browns Valley.

Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.56, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. Washington County Courthouse, owned by Washington county, is in Washington county and consists of block 39, original town plat of Stillwater, township 30 north, range 20 west.

Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.56, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. Wasioja Seminary, owned by Dodge county, is in Dodge county and consists of one rectangular acre embracing the old semi-
nary walls and the evergreens in front, whose dimensions are 11 rods east and west and 14 1/2 rods north and south, lying along the middle of the north line of the public square in the city of Waseoja.

Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.56, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

**Subd. 12.** Taylors Falls Public Library, owned by the city of Taylors Falls, is in Chisago county and is located at 417 Bench Street in the city of Taylors Falls.

Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.585, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**138.585 STATE MONUMENTS.** Subdivision 1: The monuments, memorials, tablets, markers and cenotaphs enumerated in this section are "state monuments", officially established as such by the state of Minnesota between since 1873 and 1929.

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.585, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

**Subd. 25.** Count Beltrami State Monument, in Beltrami county, in honor of Count Beltrami to commemorate the discovery of the height of land on the Continental Divide on August 23, 1823, established in 1945.

Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.585, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

**Subd. 26.** Chief Sleepy Eyes State Monument, in Brown county, a 20-foot granite shaft in the city of Sleepy Eye, honoring Santee Sioux Chief Sleepy Eyes (Ishtaba), for whom the city is named, established in 1971.

Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.585, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

**Subd. 27.** Sioux Indians State Monument, in Renville county, a 50-foot granite shaft overlooking trunk highway 19 near Morton honoring the Indians who were friendly to white settlers during the Sioux Uprising of 1862, established in 1971.

Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 138.60, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

**Subd. 2.** PROHIBITIONS. Neither the state nor any of the instrumentalities of government enumerated in subdivision 1 shall cause to change or alter the physical features or historic character of any site designated in sections 138.53 or 138.56 as a "state historic site" without first obtaining the prior approval thereof in writing of the Min-
The state or such instrumentalities of government may appeal to the executive council from any ruling or action of the Minnesota historical society, within 30 days after receiving notice thereof, and after a hearing on the matter the executive council may take such action as it deems necessary including a decision as to whether or not the change or alteration should be approved.

Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 161.10, is amended to read:

161.10 INVESTIGATIONS; RECOMMENDATIONS; REPORTS. When practicable the commissioner shall investigate and determine the location of road material in the state, ascertain the most approved methods of construction and improvement of roads, investigate the most approved laws in relation to roads in other states and hold public meetings throughout the state when deemed advisable. On or before November 15 on each even-numbered year he shall make a printed report to the governor and the legislature stating the condition, management, and financial transactions of his department, including a statement of the expense incurred in maintaining such department; the number of miles of roads built or improved during the preceding two fiscal years and their cost; the general character and location of material suitable for road construction; the general character and needs of the roads of the state; the name, location, size, and description of each state trail, state water access site, and state rest area established by him since his last report; and recommend such legislation as he deems advisable. The report shall be transmitted by the governor to the legislature.

Sec. 41. REPEALER. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 85.013, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5b, 6, 7, 11, 17, 18, 25, 25a, and 27; 85.20, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, and 5; 92.46, Subdivision 2; 138.08; 138.52, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; 138.53, Subdivisions 4, 11, 12, 17, 30, 48, and 61; 138.54; 138.55, Subdivisions 18 and 19; 138.57, Subdivisions 6 and 7; and 138.60, Subdivision 3 are repealed.

Approved June 4, 1975.

CHAPTER 354—H.F.No.398

An act relating to the pollution control agency; authorizing the issuance of bonds; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 116.18, Subdivisions 1 and 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 116.18, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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