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A bill for an act

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relating to natural resources; authorizing registration and operation of mini

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trucks as all-terrain vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 84.92,

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subdivisions 8, 10; 84.922, subdivision 1a; 169.011, subdivision 40a; 169.045,

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by adding a subdivision.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 84.92, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

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Subd. 8. **All-terrain vehicle or vehicle.** "All-terrain vehicle" or "vehicle" means (1)

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a motorized flotation-tired vehicle of not less than three low pressure tires, but not more

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than six tires, that is limited in engine displacement of less than 960 cubic centimeters;

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and (2) a mini truck, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 40a. All-terrain vehicle

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includes a class 1 all-terrain vehicle and class 2 all-terrain vehicle.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 84.92, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

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Subd. 10. **Class 2 all-terrain vehicle.** "Class 2 all-terrain vehicle" means an

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all-terrain vehicle that (1) has a total dry weight of 1,000 to 1,800 pounds; or (2) is a

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mini truck, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 40a, that has a total dry weight

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of 1,000 pounds or more.

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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 84.922, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

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Subd. 1a. **Exemptions.** All-terrain vehicles exempt from registration are:

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(1) vehicles owned and used by the United States, an Indian tribal government, the

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state, another state, or a political subdivision;

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(2) vehicles registered in another state or country that have not been in this state for

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more than 30 consecutive days;

2.1 (3) vehicles that:

2.2 (i) are owned by a resident of another state or country that does not require
2.3 registration of all-terrain vehicles;

2.4 (ii) have not been in this state for more than 30 consecutive days; and

2.5 (iii) are operated on state and grant-in-aid trails by a nonresident possessing a
2.6 nonresident all-terrain vehicle state trail pass;

2.7 (4) vehicles used exclusively in organized track racing events; ~~and~~

2.8 (5) vehicles that are 25 years old or older and were originally produced as a separate
2.9 identifiable make by a manufacturer; and

2.10 (6) mini trucks, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 40a, that are authorized
2.11 by permit under section 169.045 and are operated solely on public streets and highways as
2.12 provided in that section.

2.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.011, subdivision 40a, is amended to read:

2.14 Subd. 40a. **Mini truck.** (a) "Mini truck" means a motor vehicle that has four wheels;
2.15 is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of 7,500 watts or less or an internal
2.16 combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of ~~660~~ 1,000 cubic centimeters or
2.17 less; has a total dry weight of 900 to ~~2,200~~ 2,300 pounds; contains an enclosed cabin and
2.18 a seat for the vehicle operator; commonly resembles a pickup truck or van, including a
2.19 cargo area or bed located at the rear of the vehicle; and was not originally manufactured
2.20 to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards required of motor vehicles in the Code of
2.21 Federal Regulations, title 49, sections 571.101 to 571.404, and successor requirements.

2.22 (b) A mini truck does not include:

2.23 (1) a neighborhood electric vehicle or a medium-speed electric vehicle; or

2.24 (2) a motor vehicle that meets or exceeds the regulations in the Code of Federal
2.25 Regulations, title 49, section 571.500, and successor requirements.

2.26 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.045, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.27 to read:

2.28 Subd. 9. **Mini truck authorization and registration.** A mini truck may be dually
2.29 (1) authorized by permit under this section for operation on applicable public streets and
2.30 highways; and (2) registered under section 84.922 for operation on trails and private
2.31 property. A mini truck that is not operated on public streets and highways, except as
2.32 provided in section 84.928, need not be authorized by permit under this section.