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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

H. F. No. 23

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying previous appropriations for no child left
1.3 inside program; amending Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1,
1.4 section 3, subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 3, subdivision 6,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management 78,978,000 78,402,000

Table with 4 columns: Fund Name, 2020, 2021, and a fourth column. Rows include General, Natural Resources, and Game and Fish.

1.14 (a) \$8,539,000 the first year and \$8,658,000
1.15 the second year are from the heritage
1.16 enhancement account in the game and fish
1.17 fund only for activities specified under
1.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
1.19 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding
1.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five
1.21 percent of this appropriation may be used for
1.22 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and
1.23 retention.

2.1 (b) \$1,595,000 the first year and \$275,000 the
2.2 second year are from the general fund, and
2.3 \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the
2.4 second year are from the game and fish fund
2.5 for planning for and emergency response to
2.6 disease outbreaks in wildlife. The
2.7 commissioner and board must each submit
2.8 quarterly reports on the activities funded under
2.9 this paragraph to the chairs and ranking
2.10 minority members of the legislative
2.11 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
2.12 over environment and natural resources and
2.13 agriculture.

2.14 (c) \$50,000 in the first year is from the wild
2.15 cervidae health management account in the
2.16 game and fish fund to establish a chronic
2.17 wasting disease adopt-a-dumpster program to
2.18 provide dumpsters dedicated to disposing of
2.19 deer carcasses in areas where chronic wasting
2.20 disease has been detected. The commissioner
2.21 must work with solid waste haulers and other
2.22 interested parties and encourage volunteer
2.23 support to ensure the dumpsters are located at
2.24 convenient locations with appropriate signage,
2.25 lined, and maintained. The commissioner must
2.26 ensure the carcasses collected are properly
2.27 disposed of to minimize the spread of chronic
2.28 wasting disease. The commissioner, in
2.29 consultation with the commissioners of health
2.30 and the Pollution Control Agency, must
2.31 develop guidelines to prevent the spread of
2.32 chronic wasting disease and protect public
2.33 health that take into consideration infectious
2.34 waste as defined under Minnesota Statutes,
2.35 section 116.76, subdivision 12, for:

3.1 (1) hunters for handling deer in the field and
3.2 transporting and disposing of carcasses;

3.3 (2) solid waste facilities and solid waste
3.4 haulers for proper handling, transportation,
3.5 and disposal of deer carcasses; and

3.6 (3) taxidermists and meat processors for
3.7 proper handling, processing, and disposal of
3.8 deer carcasses.

3.9 By January 15, 2020, the commissioner of
3.10 natural resources must submit a report to the
3.11 chairs and ranking minority members of the
3.12 house of representatives and senate
3.13 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
3.14 over environment and natural resources with
3.15 the results of the program and guidelines
3.16 developed under this paragraph.

3.17 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
3.18 section 297A.94, \$182,000 the first year from
3.19 the general fund and \$318,000 the first year
3.20 from the heritage enhancement account in the
3.21 game and fish fund are for grants for
3.22 natural-resource-based education and
3.23 recreation programs under Minnesota Statutes,
3.24 section 84.976. This is a onetime
3.25 appropriation.

3.26 (e) \$500,000 the first year is from the game
3.27 and fish fund for grants to local units of
3.28 government, nonprofit organizations, school
3.29 districts, and American Indian-controlled tribal
3.30 contract or grant schools to increase firearms
3.31 safety, trap shooting, archery, hunting, and
3.32 angling activities in courses that are consistent
3.33 with required state standards for physical
3.34 education. In developing the grant program,

4.1 the commissioner must consult with
4.2 stakeholders, including representatives from
4.3 the tribal governments. The grants must be
4.4 administered through the no child left inside
4.5 grant program established under Minnesota
4.6 Statutes, section 84.976. Grants must be
4.7 awarded on a geographically balanced,
4.8 statewide basis. This is a onetime
4.9 appropriation and is available until June 30,
4.10 2021.

4.11 (f) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
4.12 section 297A.94, \$200,000 the first year is
4.13 from the heritage enhancement account in the
4.14 game and fish fund for grants to local units of
4.15 government and nonprofit organizations
4.16 operating high school fishing leagues ~~and~~ or
4.17 providing basic angling curriculum. The grants
4.18 must be administered through the no child left
4.19 inside grant program established under
4.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976. This is a
4.21 onetime appropriation and is available until
4.22 June 30, 2021.

4.23 (g) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000
4.24 the second year are from the deer management
4.25 account for the purposes identified in
4.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.075,
4.27 subdivision 1.

4.28 (h) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
4.29 section 297A.94, \$100,000 the first year and
4.30 \$100,000 the second year are from the heritage
4.31 enhancement account in the game and fish
4.32 fund for shooting sports facility grants under
4.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including
4.34 grants for archery facilities. Grants must be
4.35 matched with a nonstate match, which may

- 5.1 include in-kind contributions. This is a
- 5.2 onetime appropriation.

5.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2019.