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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. F. No. 4264**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring state bicycle trail pass; appropriating money;
- 1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 84.0835, subdivision 3; proposing
- 1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 85.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 84.0835, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 3. **Citation authority.** Employees designated by the commissioner under
- 1.8 subdivision 1 may issue citations, as specifically authorized under this subdivision, for
- 1.9 violations of:
- 1.10 (1) sections 85.052, subdivision 3 (payment of camping fees in state parks), 85.45,
- 1.11 subdivision 1 (cross-country-ski pass), 85.46 (horse pass), 85.48 (state bicycle trail pass),
- 1.12 and 84.9275 (nonresident all-terrain vehicle state trail pass);
- 1.13 (2) rules relating to hours and days of operation, restricted areas, noise, fireworks,
- 1.14 environmental protection, fires and refuse, pets, picnicking, camping and dispersed camping,
- 1.15 nonmotorized uses, construction of unauthorized permanent trails, mooring of boats, fish
- 1.16 cleaning, swimming, storage and abandonment of personal property, structures and stands,
- 1.17 animal trespass, state park individual and group motor vehicle permits, licensed motor
- 1.18 vehicles, designated roads, and snowmobile operation off trails;
- 1.19 (3) rules relating to off-highway vehicle registration, display of registration numbers,
- 1.20 required equipment, operation restrictions, off-trail use for hunting and trapping, and
- 1.21 operation in lakes, rivers, and streams;

(4) rules relating to off-highway vehicle and snowmobile operation causing damage or in closed areas within the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest;

(5) rules relating to parking, snow removal, and damage on state forest roads; and

(6) rules relating to controlled hunting zones on major wildlife management units.

Sec. 2. **[85.48] STATE BICYCLE TRAIL PASS.**

**Subdivision 1. Definition.** For purposes of this section, "bicycle" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 4.

**Subd. 2. Pass required.** A person 17 years of age or older must carry in possession a valid state bicycle trail pass when operating a bicycle on state bicycle trails. The pass must be available for inspection by a peace officer, a conservation officer, or an employee designated under section 84.0835.

**Subd. 4. License agents.** (a) The commissioner of natural resources may appoint agents to issue and sell state bicycle trail passes. The commissioner may revoke the appointment of an agent at any time.

(b) The commissioner may adopt additional rules as provided in section 97A.485, subdivision 11. An agent must observe all rules adopted by the commissioner for the accounting and handling of passes according to section 97A.485, subdivision 11.

(c) An agent must promptly deposit and remit all money received from the sale of passes, except issuing fees, to the commissioner.

**Subd. 5. Issuance.** The commissioner of natural resources and agents must issue and sell state bicycle trail passes. The pass must include the applicant's signature and other information deemed necessary by the commissioner. To be valid, a pass must be signed by the person operating the bicycle.

**Subd. 6. Pass fee.** (a) The fee for an annual state bicycle trail pass is \$25. The fee must be collected at the time the pass is purchased. Annual passes are valid for one year beginning the day of purchase.

(b) The fee for a daily state bicycle trail pass is \$2. The fee must be collected at the time the pass is purchased. The daily pass is valid only for the date designated on the pass form.

**Subd. 7. Issuing fee.** In addition to the pass fee under subdivision 6, an issuing fee of \$1 per pass must be charged. The issuing fee must be retained by the seller of the pass. Issuing fees for passes sold by the commissioner of natural resources must be deposited in

3.1 the state trails account and are appropriated to the commissioner to operate the electronic  
3.2 licensing system. A pass must indicate the amount of the fee that is retained by the seller.

3.3 Subd. 8. **Duplicate passes.** The commissioner of natural resources and agents must issue  
3.4 a duplicate pass to a person whose pass is lost or destroyed using the process established  
3.5 under section 97A.405, subdivision 3, and rules adopted thereunder. The fee for a duplicate  
3.6 state bicycle trail pass is \$2, with an issuing fee of 50 cents.

3.7 Subd. 9. **State trails account.** The state trails account is created in the natural resources  
3.8 fund. Money received from the sale of state bicycle trail passes under this section and interest  
3.9 earned on the account must be deposited into the state trails account. Except for issuing  
3.10 fees, money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources to  
3.11 maintain and repair state bicycle trails.