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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; providing for pets to be allowed in buildings in state
1.3 parks, forest campgrounds, and forest day use areas for a fee; directing the
1.4 commissioner of natural resources to amend a rule; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.5 2018, section 84.03.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 84.03, is amended to read:

1.8 **84.03 ADDITIONAL DUTIES AND POWERS.**

1.9 (a) So far as practicable the commissioner shall collect and arrange statistics and other
1.10 information in reference to the lands and general and special resources of the state.

1.11 (b) The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to take such measures as
1.12 the commissioner may deem advisable to advertise, both within and without the state, sales
1.13 of all state lands, and to secure, compile, and issue such valuable statistics of the resources
1.14 of the state.

1.15 (c) The commissioner may adopt and promulgate reasonable rules, not inconsistent with
1.16 law, governing the use and enjoyment of state land reserved from sale, state parks, state
1.17 water-access sites, state trails, state monuments, state scientific and natural areas, state
1.18 wilderness areas, and recreational areas owned by other state, local and federal agencies
1.19 and operated under agreement by the Department of Natural Resources, which shall have
1.20 the force and effect of law. A reasonable fee may be fixed, charged, and collected by the
1.21 commissioner for the privilege of the use of any or all of the foregoing privileges and
1.22 facilities. The fee to allow a dog, cat, or other pet animal in a building in a state park, forest

2.1 campground, or forest day use area is \$25 per day, regardless of the number of animals that
 2.2 enter the building.

2.3 (d) The commissioner, on or before November 15 of each even-numbered year, shall
 2.4 report to the legislature the commissioner's acts and doings, with recommendation for the
 2.5 improvement or conservation of state parks, state water-access sites, state trails, and state
 2.6 monuments, state scientific and natural areas, state forests, state wildlife management areas,
 2.7 public hunting grounds, public shooting grounds, food and cover planting areas, wildlife
 2.8 lands, recreational or public hunting areas, state wild and scenic rivers, state wilderness
 2.9 areas, and all other recreational lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural
 2.10 Resources, and for desirable accessions thereto, such report to include an inventory of the
 2.11 tracts and parcels of land, and rights, interests, and easements therein, held by the state or
 2.12 withdrawn from sale for any of these purposes, with the value thereof, and a list of the name,
 2.13 location, size, and description of each state trail, state scientific and natural area, state wildlife
 2.14 management area, state water-access site, and state wild, scenic, or recreational river
 2.15 designated by the commissioner, and each public hunting grounds, public shooting grounds,
 2.16 food and cover planting area, wildlife lands, and recreational or public hunting area acquired
 2.17 by the commissioner since the last report. The commissioner shall maintain a long range
 2.18 plan governing the use of the public domain under the commissioner's jurisdiction.

2.19 **Sec. 2. ALLOWING PETS IN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**
 2.20 **FACILITIES.**

2.21 The commissioner of natural resources must amend Minnesota Rules, part 6100.1100,
 2.22 to allow a dog, cat, or other pet animal to enter a building in a state park, forest campground,
 2.23 or forest day use area and to be unrestrained in that building if:

2.24 (1) the area into which the dog, cat, or other pet animal will enter and in which it will
 2.25 be unrestrained is an area that is rented by one individual or group at a time, and doors or
 2.26 other barriers will prevent the pet from escaping to areas used by others; and

2.27 (2) the fee under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.03, is paid.

2.28 **Sec. 3. ADOPTING RULES; GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTION.**

2.29 The commissioner may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.30 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this act, and Minnesota Statutes,
 2.31 section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.

3.1 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.2 Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.