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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring Minnesota Zoological Garden to provide
1.3 free admission on certain holidays; establishing fees; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2018, section 85A.02, subdivision 17.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 85A.02, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 17. **Additional powers.** (a) ~~The board may establish a schedule of Charges for~~
1.8 admission to or for the use of the Minnesota Zoological Garden or any related facility:
1.9 ~~Notwithstanding section 16A.1283, legislative approval is not required for the board to~~
1.10 ~~establish a schedule of charges for admission or use of the Minnesota Zoological Garden~~
1.11 ~~or related facilities. The board shall have a policy admitting elementary school children at~~
1.12 ~~a reduced charge when they are part of an organized school activity~~ is:

1.13 (1) \$12 for each visitor age six to 12;

1.14 (2) \$18 for each visitor age 13 to 65; and

1.15 (3) \$12 for each visitor age 66 and older.

1.16 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the Minnesota Zoological Garden will must offer
1.17 free admission:

1.18 (1) throughout the year to economically disadvantaged Minnesota citizens equal to ten
1.19 percent of the average annual attendance;

1.20 (2) to any child under six years of age;

2.1 (3) to all visitors on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
2.2 Labor Day, or Veterans Day; and

2.3 (4) to elementary school children when they are part of an organized school activity.

2.4 ~~However, (c)~~ The zoo may not charge at any time for parking, special services, and for
2.5 or admission to special facilities for the education, entertainment, or convenience of visitors.

2.6 (d) In lieu of charging the fees authorized in paragraph (a), the board may offer a
2.7 membership that admits the holder and the holder's family members for unlimited visits
2.8 during one year. The board may not charge more than \$159 for a membership offered under
2.9 this paragraph.

2.10 ~~(b)~~ (e) The board may provide for the purchase, reproduction, and sale of gifts, souvenirs,
2.11 publications, informational materials, food and beverages, and grant concessions for the
2.12 sale of these items. Notwithstanding subdivision 5b, section 16C.09 does not apply to
2.13 activities authorized under this paragraph.