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## **PROPERTY TAX Nonprofit Outdoor Recreation Property Exemption**

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	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>DOR Administrative Costs/Savings</b>		<b>X</b>

Department of Revenue  
Analysis of S.F. 3435 (Sparks) / H.F. 3892 (Brown)

The bill exempts land owned by a nonprofit outdoor recreation organization if it is not improved and maintained in its natural state as outdoor recreational property and is open to the public for recreational use at no charge. No more than 100 acres owned by a single nonprofit outdoor recreation organization in one county qualifies for this exemption. A non-profit outdoor recreation organization is defined as one that has as its primary purpose to provide free public access to property maintained in its natural state for outdoor recreational purposes, and that does not distribute profits, dividends, or property upon dissolution. Effective for property assessed in 2008 for taxes payable 2009 and thereafter.

The exemption of a few additional properties would shift taxes onto other property in the jurisdiction, including homestead properties. A net tax shift to homestead properties would result in an increase in homeowner property tax refunds.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue  
Property Tax Division - Research  
[http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal\\_policy](http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal_policy)

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