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Senate Bill 979 (as introduced 3-3-98)  
Sponsor: Senator Glenn D. Steil  
Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to specify that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) could not prohibit hunting or vehicle use on lands under its control by rule or order, except as otherwise specifically provided by law.**

Under the Act, the DNR must do the following:

- Promulgate rules for the protection of its lands and property against wrongful use or occupancy; to ensure the intention to carry out the Act's provision to protect the lands and property from depredations; and to preserve the lands and property from molestations, spoilation, destruction, or any other improper use or occupancy.
- Issue orders necessary to implement rules promulgated under the Act's provision.

A person who violates a rule promulgated under this provision or an order issued under it is responsible for a State civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a fine of up to \$500.

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Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: G. Cutler

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