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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state lands; clarifying certain property rights in the city of Duluth.  
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **CLARIFICATION OF PROPERTY RIGHTS; CITY OF DULUTH.**

1.5 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, including the decision of the Minnesota  
1.6 Supreme Court in Smith v. City of Minneapolis, 112 Minn. 446, 128 N.W. 819 (1910), the  
1.7 city of Duluth acquired title in fee simple absolute to the property described in the  
1.8 condemnation certificate recorded on August 11, 1915, in the Office of the St. Louis County  
1.9 Recorder in Book 394 of Deeds, p. 418, and in the Office of the St. Louis County Registrar  
1.10 of Titles as Document No. 19347, including all riparian rights, and the city holds the title  
1.11 unless an interest in the property has been conveyed according to city's charter and other  
1.12 applicable law.

1.13 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, Minnesota Statutes, section 541.023, as  
1.14 the same may from time to time be amended, does not apply to the ownership by and title  
1.15 held by the city of Duluth in and to the property described in paragraph (a).

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the governing body of the  
1.17 city of Duluth and its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with Minnesota  
1.18 Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.