

which salary shall not exceed the sum of \$4,600 per annum and may provide him with necessary stenographic and clerical help.

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This act shall take effect January 1, 1950.

Approved April 22, 1949.

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CHAPTER 616—H. F. No. 1615

*An act relating to taconite leases on state lands and the determination of royalty thereon, amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.201.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.201, is amended to read as follows:

**93.201. Royalties for taconite concentrates.** *Subdivision 1.* All ores or concentrates shipped from the lands covered by any lease under *Section 93.20* shall be classified and paid for under and in accordance with the particular schedule of said law properly applicable thereto. The royalty provided for taconite concentrates in Schedule 7 of *Section 93.20* shall be applicable to concentrates produced from taconite ores which, in accordance with good engineering and metallurgical practice, require treatment by fine grinding, magnetic separation, flotation, or some other method or methods other than or in addition to one or more of the methods specified in Schedules 1 to 6, inclusive, of said section to make them suitable for blast furnace use.

*Subd. 2.* *In lieu of payment of such royalty on the taconite concentrates, royalty payments may be made on the taconite ore as defined herein. The method of weighing the taconite ore and the royalty rate per ton on such taconite ore shall be determined by agreement between the holder of the lease and the commissioner of conservation. In case they are unable to agree, each shall choose an arbitrator, and the two thus selected shall choose a third. The decision of the arbitrators or any two of them shall be final and binding on the*

*parties in interest. The agreement or the decision of the arbitrators shall be attached as a supplement to the lease. The holder of the lease shall reimburse the state for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such weighing of taconite ore.*

*Taconite ore shall be understood to mean a ferruginous chert or ferruginous slate in the form of compact siliceous rock, in which the iron oxide is so finely disseminated that substantially all of the iron-bearing particles of merchantable grade are smaller than 20 mesh.*

*Sec. 2 The provisions of Section 1 hereof for payment of royalty on taconite ore shall apply to existing leases as well as subsequent leases, subject to vested rights, if any, of the holders of existing leases.*

Approved April 22, 1949.

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CHAPTER 617—H. F. No. 1624

[Coded as Section 197.751]

*An act relating to aid for war veterans and the amounts available therefor under Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 197.74 and 197.75, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 176.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

[197.751] **Section 1. War veterans fund; disbursement at discretion of commissioner.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 197.74 and 197.75, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 176, the state auditor, upon request of the commissioner of veterans affairs approved by the governor, may transfer from time to time from any balance remaining of the \$1,250,000 available out of the War Veterans Fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 197.74, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 176, to the sum available out of the War Veterans Fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 197.75, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 176, the sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Approved April 22, 1949.