

tofore issued thereon is no longer in force; provided, that the surface of such tax-forfeited land may be leased by the county auditor as provided by law, with the written approval of the commissioner, subject to disposal and use for mining purposes as herein provided and to any special conditions relating thereto that the commissioner may prescribe, also subject to cancellation for mining purposes on three months' written notice from the commissioner to the county auditor.

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CHAPTER 550—H. F. No. 1679

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An act relating to state lands and minerals providing for the disposal of certain low grade iron-bearing materials for construction or maintenance purposes; amending Laws 1951, Chapter 452, Section 1, Subdivisions 1 and 2.

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

Section 1. Laws 1951, Chapter 452, Section 1, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. [93.41] **State iron-bearing materials used for certain purposes.** Subdivision 1. **Dried iron, percentage in materials.** In case the commissioner of conservation shall determine that any paint rock, taconite, or other iron-bearing material belonging to the state and containing not more than 40 per cent dried iron by analysis is needed and suitable for use in the construction or maintenance of any road, tailings basin, settling basin, dike, dam, bank fill, or other works on public or private property, and that such use would be in the best interests of the public, he may authorize the disposal of such material therefor as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. Laws 1951, Chapter 452, Section 1, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Material subject to state iron ore mining lease.** If such material is subject to an existing state iron ore mining lease, the commissioner, by written agreement with the holder of the lease, may authorize the use of the material for any purpose specified in subdivision 1 that will facilitate the mining and disposal of the iron ore therein on such terms as the commissioner may prescribe consistent with the interests of the state, or may authorize the holder of the lease to dispose of the material otherwise for any purpose specified in subdivision 1 upon payment of an amount therefor equivalent to the royalty

that would be payable under the terms of the lease if the material were shipped or otherwise disposed of as iron ore, but not less than the applicable minimum rate prescribed by section 93.20.

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CHAPTER 551—H. F. 1680

An act relating to prospecting for iron ore in certain lands belonging to the state not known to contain merchantable deposits of such ore and to the permits and leases thereon and to the distribution of funds from said leases and permits; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 93.283, Subdivisions 6, as amended, and 7.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 93.283, Subdivision 6, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 171, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Permit holders, receipt of mining leases.** At any time prior to the expiration of any such permit, if the commissioner shall determine that all the terms and conditions of the permit and applicable provisions of law have been complied with, the original holder or any assignee thereof shall have the right to receive from the commissioner of conservation a mining lease, which shall bind the state and the person to whom it shall be issued to the mutual observance of the obligations and conditions thereof, and the mining lease shall be in the form set forth in section 93.20, and require the payment of the royalties set forth in Laws 1941, Chapter 456, Section 5, as originally enacted, except that the royalties shall be modified so as to comply with and be subject to the provisions of Section 93.20, Subdivision 9, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 616, or any subsequent amendment thereof in force at the time of submission of the application for the permit, and also except that the rental shall be modified so as to provide that the annual rental for that part of the first calendar year remaining after the effective date of the lease and for the four succeeding calendar years shall be at the rate of \$500 per calendar year, and the annual rate of rental thereafter shall be \$5,000 per calendar year. As a condition precedent to the issuing of such mining lease the holder of the permit shall file a full report, properly verified, of all work of exploration done under the permit, or an affidavit in case no work was done, stating such facts, and pay to the state treasurer a sum of money based on the