

of Duluth to issue negotiable certificates of indebtedness authorized by Laws 1921, Chapter 299, as amended, if the amount proposed to be raised by the tax levy and the amount to come from the sale of the certificates shall not exceed ~~\$300,000~~ six mills in any one year.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective only after its approval by the governing body of the city of Duluth, and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved June 4, 1971.

## CHAPTER 825—H.F.No.227

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*An act relating to wild animals; providing for the protection of endangered species; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 97, by adding a section.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 97, is amended by adding a section to read:

**[97.488] GAME AND FISH; WILD ANIMALS; PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES.** Subdivision 1. PROHIBITION. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the import, transport, or sale of any endangered species of fish or wildlife, or hides or other parts thereof, or the sale or possession with intent to sell any article made in whole or in part from the skin, hide, or other parts of any endangered species of fish or wildlife is prohibited, except under license or permit of the commissioner of natural resources.

Subd. 2. ENDANGERED SPECIES. The following species of wild animals are hereby designated as endangered species: leopard (*Panthera pardus*), snow leopard (*Panthera uncia*), clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*), tiger (*Panthera tigris*), cheetah (*Acinoyx jubatus*), alligators, caiman or crocodile of the order *Crocodylia*, vicuna (*Vicugna vicugna*), red wolf (*Canis niger*). After July 1, 1972, the following species shall be designated as endangered: jaguar (*Panthera onca*), ocelot (*Felis Pardalis*), or margay (*Felis wiedii*). The commissioner of natural resources may designate other species as endangered by adoption of a regulation to that effect pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 15.0411 to 15.0422, upon a showing that such species is seriously threatened with extinction. A designation

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by the secretary of the interior that a species is endangered shall be a prima facie showing for this purpose. The commissioner may withdraw designation in the same manner. The timber wolf (canis lupus) may not be designated as an endangered species by the commissioner pursuant to this section except that the commissioner may establish sanctuaries pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 99.25 for the timber wolf (canis lupus).

Subd. 3. ENFORCEMENT. Any peace officer or conservation officer, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 626, may execute a warrant to search for and seize any goods, merchandise, or wildlife sold or offered for sale in violation of this act, or anything used in connection with a violation of this act. Seized property shall be held pending judicial proceedings. Upon conviction, seized property is forfeit. Goods, merchandise, or wildlife shall be offered to a scientific or educational institution or destroyed.

Subd. 4. SCIENTIFIC USES EXCEPTED. The commissioner may permit, on prescribed conditions, the importation of any species or subspecies subject to this act for zoological, educational or scientific purposes. He may permit, on prescribed conditions the propagation of a species or subspecies for its preservation.

Subd. 5. PET USES EXCEPTED. This act shall not apply to fish or wildlife legally acquired and exported from another country, territory, state or political subdivision and imported, transported, or sold solely for the purpose of serving as a pet.

Subd. 6. VIOLATIONS. A violation of this act is a misdemeanor.

Approved June 4, 1971.

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## CHAPTER 826—H.F.No.584

*An act relating to water pollution control and sanitation; and the establishment of sanitary regions and districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 115.33, Subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 115.33, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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