

council in advance when requested by the council.

Subd. 3. At the conclusion of each budget year, the council, in co-operation with each commission, shall adopt a final statement of costs incurred by the council for each commission. Where costs incurred in the budget year have exceeded the amount budgeted, each commission shall transfer to the council the additional moneys needed to pay the amount of the costs in excess of the amount budgeted, and shall include a sum in its next budget. Any excess of budgeted costs over actual costs may be retained by the council and applied to the payment of budgeted costs in the next year. Costs incurred during 1976 shall be reimbursed to the council by each commission on or before December 31, 1976 following receipt and in accordance with a statement of costs transmitted by the council.

Sec. 4. This act applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington.

Sec. 5. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 20, 1976.

CHAPTER 322—S.F.No.1615

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to natural resources; prohibiting, except in national emergencies, the leasing of state minerals and the use of state natural resources in connection with mining in the boundary waters canoe area; for mineland reclamation purposes; appropriating money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [84.523] MANAGEMENT OF STATE MINERALS AND RELATED RESOURCES IN THE BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA OF THE SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST. Subdivision 1. **DEFINITION.** For the purposes of this section, the term "boundary waters canoe area" means that area of lands and waters included within the boundaries designated in federal regulation REG U-3, 36 Code of Federal Regulations 293.16, as that regulation provided on January 1, 1975.

Subd. 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The legislature finds that a combination of state legislative and administrative actions and court decisions have established a public policy of primarily wilderness management for state lands and waters within the boundary waters canoe area. This state policy, together with a similar federal policy and international actions consistent with these state and federal policies, has created an area of hundreds of thousands of acres of land

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and water containing myriad lakes and streams, wooded shores, virgin forests, and other natural attractions of surpassing scenic beauty and solitude, free from substantially all commercial activities and artificial development such as hydroelectric dams and power lines, resorts, roads, sawmills, and timber harvesting in no-cut zones.

Subd. 3. MINING, AND USE OF STATE NATURAL RESOURCES FOR MINING, PROHIBITED IN B.W.C.A. Except with the prior approval of the legislature in those cases of national emergency which have been declared by the Congress and which direct the need for exploration and mining of federal lands within the boundary waters canoe area, and after an investigation and determination by the commissioner of natural resources pursuant to subdivision 5 no state owned or administered land may be leased for exploration or mining of minerals, and no state permits, licenses or leases shall be issued to use any other state natural resources for any mineral exploration or mining operations in the boundary waters canoe area.

Subd. 4. PEAT HARVESTING PROHIBITED IN BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA. Except with prior approval of the legislature in those cases of national emergency which have been declared by the Congress and which direct the need for exploitation of peat deposits on federal land within the boundary waters canoe area, and after an investigation and determination by the commissioner of natural resources pursuant to subdivision 5 no state owned or administered land may be leased for the purpose of harvesting peat, and no state permits, licenses or leases shall be issued to use any other state natural resources for the purpose of harvesting peat in the boundary waters canoe area.

Subd. 5. INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION. In the event of a national emergency declared by Congress which requires, for the protection of national interests, exploitation of natural resources of the type found in the boundary waters canoe area, the commissioner of natural resources shall investigate and determine if there are reasonable alternative methods for providing the needed resources. If the investigation shows there are reasonable alternatives to exploitation of natural resources in the area, no permit for development shall be issued. If the commissioner of natural resources determines there is a need to provide resources from within the boundary waters canoe area, and that there is no reasonable alternative available to meet the need, a permit may be issued upon approval by the state legislature.

Sec. 2. The sum of \$147,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources for salaries, supplies, and expenses related to mineland reclamation, including but not limited to the following: (1) the completion of development and promulgation of mineland reclamation rules, (2) development of administrative guidelines, procedures, and forms, and (3) development of supply-demand land use evaluations of mining districts for use in analyzing and granting mining permits. The money so appropriated is available for expen-

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diture on the effective date of this act and shall remain available for expenditure until June 30, 1977, notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 16A.28, or any other law relating to the lapse of appropriations to the contrary.

Sec. 3. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 19, 1976.

CHAPTER 323—S.F.No.1644

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to public welfare; establishing a senior companion program; appropriating funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[256.977] PUBLIC WELFARE; SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM; CITATION.** [Subdivision 1.] Sections 1 and 2 may be cited as the "Minnesota senior companion act".

Sec. 2. **[Subd. 2.] ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.** There is established a senior companion program to engage the services of low income persons aged 60 or over to provide supportive person to person assistance in health, education, welfare and related fields primarily to handicapped adults and elderly people living in their own homes. Senior companions may also be used to provide such services to handicapped adults and elderly persons living or receiving care in resident group homes for dependent and neglected persons, nursing homes, private homes, or other public or private nonprofit institutions or agencies providing care for handicapped adults or elderly persons. Foster grandparents currently serving individuals over 21 years of age pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 256.976 shall, after the effective date of this act, be called senior companions.

[Subd. 3.] COMPENSATION. Persons serving as senior companions shall be compensated for no more than 20 hours per week at an hourly rate not to exceed the rate established under the Older Americans Act. In addition, senior companions shall receive such other assistance as the Minnesota board on aging may prescribe. No person serving as a senior companion shall be terminated as a result of a change in the eligibility requirements set by the Minnesota board on aging, nor as a result of a change in his income, marital status, or number of dependents.

[Subd. 4.] GRANTS. The Minnesota board on aging may make grants-in-aid for the purchase of senior companion services by nonprofit agencies and institutions and individuals who have access to or re-

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