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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1570

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; authorizing sale or lease of boathouse sites at Soudan Underground Mine State Park; amending Laws 2000, chapter 486, section 4, as amended.

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

Section 1. Laws 2000, chapter 486, section 4, as amended by Laws 2001, chapter 182, section 2, and Laws 2017, chapter 93, article 2, section 147, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. **BOATHOUSE LEASES; SOUDAN UNDERGROUND MINE STATE PARK.**

(a) In 1965, United States Steel Corporation conveyed land to the state of Minnesota that was included in the Soudan underground mine state park, with certain lands at Stuntz Bay subject to leases outstanding for employee boathouse sites.

(b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 85.011, 85.012, subdivision 1, and 86A.05, subdivision 2, upon the expiration of a boathouse lease described under paragraph (a), the commissioner of natural resources ~~shall offer a new lease to the party in possession at the time of lease expiration, or, if there has been a miscellaneous lease issued by the Department of Natural Resources due to expiration of a lease described under paragraph (a), upon its expiration to the lessee. The new lease shall be issued under the terms and conditions of Minnesota Statutes, section 92.50, except as follows~~ may:

~~(1) the term of the lease shall be for the lifetime of the party being issued a renewed lease and, if transferred, for the lifetime of the party to whom the lease is transferred;~~

~~(2) the new lease shall provide that the lease may be transferred only once and the transfer must be to a person within the third degree of kindred or first cousin according to civil law;~~

~~(3) the commissioner shall limit the number of lessees per lease to no more than two persons who have attained legal age; and~~

~~(4) the lease amount must not exceed 50 percent of the average market rate, based on comparable private lease rates, as determined once every five years per lease.~~

~~At the time of the new lease, the commissioner may offer, and after agreement with the leaseholder, lease equivalent alternative sites to the leaseholder.~~

(1) lease the property under the terms and conditions of Minnesota Statutes, section 92.50; or

(2) sell the property.

(c) The commissioner shall not cancel a boathouse lease described under ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (a) ~~and (b)~~ except for noncompliance with the lease agreement.

(d) The commissioner must issue a written receipt to the lessee for each lease payment.

(e) The commissioner of natural resources shall contact U.S.X. Corporation and local units of government regarding the inclusion of the following lands within Soudan underground mine state park:

(1) all lands located South of Vermillion Lake shoreline in Section 13, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

(2) all lands located South of Vermillion Lake shoreline in the S1/2-SE1/4 of Section 14, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

(3) NE1/4-SE1/4 and E1/2-NE1/4 of Section 22, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

(4) all lands located South of Vermillion Lake shoreline in Section 23, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

(5) all of Section 24, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

(6) all lands North of trunk highway No. 169 located in Section 25, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

(7) all lands North of trunk highway No. 169 located in Section 26, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

(8) NE1/4-SE1/4 and SE1/4-NE1/4 of Section 27, Township 62 North, Range 15 West; and

(9) NW1/4 of Section 19, Township 62 North, Range 14 West.