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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to natural resources; providing conditions upon terminating certain mineral

1.3leases in 2021.

1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5Section 1. **CONDITIONS UPON TERMINATING CERTAIN MINERAL LEASES**

1.6**IN 2021.**

1.7If the commissioner of natural resources terminates state mineral leases associated with

1.8a mine permit for an operation to mine, provide direct reduction of ore, and make steel in

1.9calendar year 2021, the commissioners of natural resources and the Pollution Control Agency

1.10must wait at least two years after the termination before initiating action to terminate

1.11environmental permits associated with the mining or processing of iron ore from the lands,

1.12unless earlier termination is necessary to ensure environmental protection or if otherwise

1.13governed by federal law. Nothing in this section prohibits a permittee from proposing to

1.14amend or otherwise exercise any existing rights to transfer or cancel permits under existing

1.15law. Nothing in this section precludes the commissioner of natural resources from terminating

1.16or transferring any state mineral leases issued in association with the properties listed above,

1.17provided the termination or transfer complies with all other requirements of Minnesota

1.18Statutes, chapter 93.