

## CHAPTER 48—H. F. No. 70.

*An Act to amend sections 2402 and 2403 of R. L. 1905, relating to a bounty for the destruction of gophers, ground squirrels, ground hogs or wood chucks, rattle snakes, crows or black-birds.*

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

**Ground hogs, wood chucks, and rattlesnakes, bounty for.—**

Section 1. Section 2402 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2402. Any county board or board of town supervisors may by resolution offer a bounty for the destruction of gophers, ground squirrels, ground hogs, or wood chucks, rattlesnakes, crows or blackbirds.

The resolution may be made to cover the whole or any part of the county, and may be annually renewed, but it shall have force and effect only during the calendar year in which it was adopted or renewed.

The bounty shall in no case exceed five cents for each pocket gopher; three cents for each common gopher or ground squirrel; fifteen cents for each ground hog, or wood chuck; fifty cents for each rattlesnake, and ten cents a dozen for blackbirds killed during the months of April, May and June, and five cents a dozen for blackbirds killed during July, August, September and October; and ten cents for each crow killed between May 15 and June 15, and between August 15 and September 15.

**What may be shown to secure bounty.—**Sec. 2. That section 2403 of the Revised Laws 1905, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2403. The bodies of such animals, reptiles and birds shall be produced to the chairman of the town board of the town where they were killed, and if he shall be satisfied that they were killed within the designated territory, and by the person producing them, he shall certify to the county auditor the number of each kind so killed: and the auditor shall issue thereon a warrant on the county treasurer for the amount the claimant is entitled to receive under the resolution; or the claimant may produce such bodies and evidence to the auditor direct.

The official to whom such bodies are produced shall immediately cause the removal of one foot from each animal and bird, and the rattlers from the rattlesnake.

Any town board may also offer a bounty for the destruction of blackbirds and adopt rules for the payment thereof.

Any board of township supervisors may also offer a bounty for the destruction of the animals, birds and reptiles described in this act, and adopt rules for the payment thereof, which bounty

so offered by a township may be in addition to any bounty which may be offered by the board of county commissioners.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1909.

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#### CHAPTER 49—H. F. No. 334.

*An Act relating to mineral and mineral lands lying beneath the waters of meandered public lakes. Declaring the ownership of the state therein, and providing for the safe-keeping and investment of the funds arising from the sale, or other disposition thereof.*

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

**State ownership in minerals under waters of meandered public lakes asserted.**—Section 1. That all iron ores and other minerals on, in or under lands within this state, which lie beneath the waters of meandered public lakes and rivers, belong to the state, together with the right to enter upon such lands and explore for and mine and remove such iron ore and other minerals and that the state now has and since its organization has had the right to sell, lease or otherwise use or dispose of such mineral lands and such iron ores and other minerals in the same manner as any other mineral lands, ores or minerals belonging to the state, and that the title of the state to such iron ore or other minerals, together with the right to explore for, mine or remove the same, shall not be affected by the subsequent drying up of such lakes or rivers.

**Applications, how made—funds, how disposed of.**—Sec. 2. Applications for mineral leases and contracts now pending and on file in the land department of the state auditor's office shall not be recognized as valid or existing by reason of anything contained in this act.

Sec. 3. The principal of all funds derived from the sale or other disposition of such minerals and lands so situate shall forever be preserved inviolate and undiminished, but the same may be invested as the Swamp Land fund of the state is now invested, and the proceeds arising therefrom shall be paid into the state road and bridge fund.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1909.