

Sec. 12. Provisions separable.—If any section or provision of this act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by any court, it shall not be deemed to invalidate the whole of this act if that which remains can be construed as providing a workable plan for the accomplishment of the general purposes of this act.

Sec. 13. Definitions.—In this act the following words and terms have the following meanings, to-wit:

The term "auxiliary forest" is used in relation to state forests, and it means and includes any privately owned tract of land set apart for, and chiefly devoted to, the production of timber or forest products under the restrictions and subject to the provisions of this act.

The word "timber" means and includes trees, saplings, bushes and sprouts from which trees may grow, of every size, nature, kind and description.

The term "forest products" means and includes all products derived from timber as above defined.

The term "merchantable timber" means and includes all timber and all forest products (as above defined) having any commercial value.

The word "person" means and includes any natural person acting in his own right or in any representative capacity, and any corporation, firm, or association of whatever nature or kind; the masculine includes the feminine, and the singular includes the plural wherever the context so requires to give full force and effect to all the provisions of this act.

The word "owner" means and includes the person or persons owning the fee title to any tract of land but does not include an owner of timber thereon or of minerals or any other thing therein when such ownership is separate from the ownership of the surface.

The word "commissioner" means the commissioner of forestry and fire prevention of the state of Minnesota and his successor in authority.

The term "register of deeds" means and includes the register of deeds of the county in which the land referred to is situate, or the registrar of titles in case the title to the land has been registered.

Sec. 14. Effective July 1, 1927.—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1927.

Approved April 18, 1927.

CHAPTER 248—H. F. No. 1329.

An act authorizing and directing the conservation commission through the Commissioner of Forestry and Fire Prevention to

examine, classify, and make a list of all state-owned lands suitable for afforestation or reforestation; and to make report thereof in detail to the Legislature next hereafter convening in regular session; also empowering said commissioner to employ experts, clerical help and other assistance, and to do all things necessary or convenient for the purposes aforesaid; and appropriating \$35,000 for the use of said commissioner in carrying out the purposes of this act.

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

Section 1. Commissioner of forestry to classify lands.—The commissioner of forestry and fire prevention appointed under Chapter 426, Laws 1925, under and as directed by the Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to examine, classify, and make a list or tabulation of all lands owned by the state which are suitable for afforestation or reforestation purposes; to make a printed report thereof in detail to the legislature at the beginning of its next regular session in January, 1929, together with his recommendations in respect to the manner, extent, and kind of afforestation or reforestation deemed by him proper for each such tract of state-owned land, or each class or group of tracts, as the case may be; and to cover and include in such report any and all data, information, and recommendations whatsoever which the said commissioner deems of importance to the legislature in respect to the establishment of a fixed and permanent policy or plan for the afforestation or reforestation of state-owned lands. One copy of such printed report shall be furnished to each member of the legislature; and one or more copies shall be filed in the office of the state auditor and there kept and preserved as a permanent record.

Sec. 2. May employ experts.—For the purposes of this act, the commissioner of forestry and fire prevention under and as directed by the Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to employ such experts, clerical help, or other assistance, and to purchase or otherwise acquire such equipment or supplies, and to provide such offices for their use, as he may deem necessary. All expenses so incurred shall be paid by the state treasurer from the appropriation hereinafter made, upon warrants of the commissioner approved by the state auditor; and a general summary of such expenses as far as practicable, shall be included in said commissioner's report to the legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriations.—There is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$35,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay all charges and expenses incurred pursuant to this act. Such amount, or any part thereof, shall be available as and

when needed by said commissioner of forestry and fire prevention in carrying out the purposes of this act.

Approved April 16, 1927.

CHAPTER 249—H. F. No. 1333.

An act to appropriate money for the payment of certain soldier bonus claims.

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

Section 1. **Appropriation for soldiers' bonus.**—So much money as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the Soldiers' Bonus Fund in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the following amounts to the persons hereinafter named, to be available immediately where not otherwise stated:

1.	To Edmond J. Quillett, the sum of	\$255.00
2.	To Edward R. Zwirz, the sum of	180.00
3.	To Mary E. Robey, Mother of Hartey M. Robey, the sum of	240.00
4.	To Bernard McGrath, the sum of	240.00
5.	To Mrs. Ellen Hughes, mother of Peter E. Hughes	75.00
6.	To George E. Mallette, the sum of	330.00
7.	To Samuel W. Danish, the sum of	60.00
8.	To Walter J. McHale, the sum of	165.00
9.	To Ben W. Anderson, the sum of	105.00
10.	To Frank Royce, the sum of	315.00
11.	To Lena Donner, mother of August Donner, the sum of	240.00
12.	To Edith Lusk Donner, widow of Howard Lusk, sum of	60.00
13.	To Victor Skoog, the sum of	240.00
14.	To Annie G. Boorman, mother of Frank David Boorman	325.00
15.	To Otto A. Milnor, the sum of	180.00
16.	To Amelia McGuiggan, mother of Robert F. Mc- Guiggan	150.00
17.	To Attelus Francis Mullane, the sum of	120.00
18.	To Albert K. Stephenson, the sum of	165.00
19.	To Claud R. Hammitt, the sum of	270.00
20.	To Emily Beckstrom, sister of Axel E. Beckstrom	135.00
21.	To Herbert G. Nelson, the sum of	105.00
22.	To Joseph Andrew Hestad, the sum of	50.00
23.	To Edward Tigie, the sum of	240.00
24.	To Elder LaRock, the sum of	135.00