

## CHAPTER 290—H. F. No. 240

*An act relating to wild animals, amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5581.*

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5581, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"5581. **Use of explosives prohibited—violations—penalties.**—Fish shall not be taken by means of explosives, drugs, poisons, lime, medicated bait, fish berries, or other deleterious substances, or by nets, traps, tipups, trot lines, wire strings, ropes or cables, except where otherwise expressly provided by this chapter. Possession of any of such substances or contrivances by any person on the waters, shores, or islands of this state, shall be presumptive evidence that the same are possessed for use in violation of this section. It shall be unlawful to have in possession fish nets, except minnow nets, landing nets and dip nets and all nets held in stock for sale by dealers, unless tagged and licensed by the game and fish director. Such tags and licenses shall be for the current year. Whoever violates the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days."

Approved April 17, 1941.

## CHAPTER 291—H. F. No. 471

*An act relating to state lands, conferring powers and authority upon the Commissioner of Conservation with respect to lands.*

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

Section 1. **Commissioner of Conservation may lease property.**—The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized at public or private vendue and at such prices and under such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, to lease any buildings or lands not now authorized to be leased, acquired in the name of the state of Minnesota by any of the several divisions of the department of conservation which are not

presently needed for the uses and purposes of any of the divisions of the department. The purposes for which such leases may be executed shall be in the furtherance of the interests of conservation and such uses shall not result in any permanent injury to the land; provided, that no such lease shall be made for a term to exceed two years and shall contain a provision for cancellation at any time by the commissioner of conservation upon three months' written notice. All money received from leases under this act shall be credited to the fund from which the property was acquired.

**Sec. 2. Same.**—The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized to rent or lease to employees of the various divisions of the conservation department such cabins, buildings or living quarters as are now or may hereafter be constructed upon state-owned lands under the control of the several divisions of the conservation department, when said occupancy is found to be necessary or beneficial to the work of the department. Said leases or rental agreements shall be upon a month to month basis and shall provide for surrender by the lessee upon demand at any time his services with the state may be terminated, without the necessity of any written notice. All receipts from rents shall be paid in to the state treasurer and credited to the fund charged with the cost of maintenance of such buildings and are hereby appropriated for such use.

**Sec. 3. Instruments and transactions to be approved as to form by attorney general.**—All instruments and transactions negotiated hereunder shall be approved as to form, validity and execution by the attorney general.

Approved April 17, 1941.

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#### CHAPTER 292—H. F. No. 529

*An act relating to inspection of potatoes; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3945-18e.*

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

**Section 1. Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3945-18e, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 3945-18e. **Potatoes shall be inspected.**—That all potatoes shipped by any person in carload lots from the state