

CHAPTER 111—S. F. No. 565

[Coded as Section 93.191, Subdivisions 1 and 2]

An act relating to mining leases and their conversion to taconite leases, and the insertion of royalty schedules for taconite ore therein.

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

[93.191] Section 1. **Modification of iron ore mining lease.** Subdivision 1. **Conversion to taconite schedule; approval of executive council.** The holder of any iron ore mining lease from the state, other than one issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.20, may apply to the Commissioner of Conservation for the modification thereof to provide a schedule of royalties covering taconite ore as defined in Section 93.20. Upon such application the Commissioner, with the approval of the Executive Council, may enter into a modification thereof by the insertion of a schedule of royalties covering the production of taconite ore, which modification shall prescribe royalties not less than the minimum royalty specified for taconite ore in said section, and by the insertion of provisions in the form prescribed by said section with respect to the beneficiation, measuring, sampling, analysis and stockpiling of said taconite ore and concentrates and the deposit of tailings or waste therefrom.

Sec. 2. Subd. 2. **Modification of leases issued pursuant to Section 93.20; duties of commissioner.** The holder of any iron ore mining lease issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.20, or of any mining lease which has had inserted therein a schedule of royalties for taconite ore pursuant to Section 1 of this law, may apply to the Commissioner to designate such lease as a "taconite iron ore mining lease" subject to the annual rentals for such taconite leases prescribed in Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.19. He shall submit such information with respect to exploration or mining operations upon the lands covered by said leases as the Commissioner may require. The Commissioner shall investigate such application, and if he shall determine that the lands covered by such lease are principally valuable for the taconite thereon, and have no substantial value because of merchantable deposits of ores of the kinds defined in Section 93.20, Schedules 1 to 6 inclusive, and if such determination be approved by the Executive Council, he shall modify the annual rental required to be paid under said lease to conform to the annual rental prescribed for taconite iron ore mining leases in such section, provided that the lower rental specified in said section for

the first ten years of such lease shall not be applicable to leases modified under Section 1 of this act.

Approved March 21, 1947.

CHAPTER 112—S. F. No. 616

An act relating to the organization and administration of state government, the powers of the commissioner of administration and competitive bidding, amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 16.07, Subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 16.07, Subdivision 4, is amended to read as follows:

16.07. **Competitive bids.** Subd. 4. **Competitive bids or open market.** All purchases or sales the amount of which is estimated to be less than \$200.00 may be made either upon competitive bids or in the open market, in the discretion of the commissioner; but, so far as practicable, shall be based on at least three competitive bids which shall be permanently recorded. All rentals of equipment and animals with operators or drivers furnished the amount of which is estimated to be less than \$300.00 in any 30-day period shall be made in accordance with rules prescribed by the commissioner.

Approved March 21, 1947.

CHAPTER 113—S. F. No. 1036

[Not Coded]

An act appropriating money from the following funds for the following purposes: from the general revenue fund for expenses of the state government, including salaries of officers and employees thereof and teachers colleges, and for current expenses, salaries and equipment of the state institutions; and for other purposes; and from the trunk highway fund for certain expenditures therefrom.

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

Section 1. **Appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947.** The sums hereinafter named, or so much thereof