qualifying examination fails to pass the examination, he shall be removed from his position at the expiration of 60 days following receipt of notice of failure to pass the examination. Any person who wilfully fails or refuses to takes the examination when offered, without reasonable excuse, shall be removed from his position immediately. No person required by this act to take a qualifying examination shall be laid off, suspended, discharged or reduced in pay or position except in accordance with the provisions of law applicable to the members of the classified civil service having a civil service status, until he has completed such qualifying examination and is notified of the result thereof, or unless he refuses to take such qualifying examination. In the event of necessary reductions in employment in any class or position, officers or employees who have not acquired a permanent civil service status shall be laid off in accordance with their seniority within the civil defense department.

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## CHAPTER 228—H. F. No. 225

An act relating to game and fish; authorizing the commissioner of conservation to open state game refuges, including state parks, for the taking of wild animals doing damage to forest crops or when the commissioner has determined that there is a harvestable surplus of wild animals therein; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 99.26, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 99.26, Subdivision 2, is hereby amended to read:

Subd. 2. Whenever the commissioner shall find that any species of protected wild animal on any refuge, including state parks, has attained an abundance in excess of the capacity of such refuge to support it or causing substantial damage to agricultural or forest crops in the vicinity, or is threatening the well-being and continued production of that species or of other protected wild animals, or when he has determined that there is a harvestable surplus of wild animals, he may include such refuge or any part thereof in the open territory prescribed for the taking of such species, during the succeeding regular open season, and may prescribe any reasonable regulations for the hunting or trapping thereof.

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