

hereunder shall be in such amount as may be mutually agreed upon by Basilica of St. Mary's, Inc. and the commissioner of highways.

Approved May 16, 1969.

CHAPTER 469—H. F. No. 942

An act relating to wild animals; prohibiting the shooting of coots from open water; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 100.29, Subdivision 17.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 100.29, Subdivision 17, is amended to read:

Subd. 17. **Coots; taking in open water.** It shall be unlawful to take migratory waterfowl, *coots*, and rails in open water when the hunter is not within a natural growth of weeds, rushes, flags, or other vegetation sufficient to partially conceal the hunter or boat, or from a permanent artificial blind or sink box built in public waters, provided pursuing or shooting wounded birds in open water in a boat or canoe is permitted.

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CHAPTER 470—H. F. No. 1404

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to conservation of natural resources; authorizing the commissioner of conservation to acquire, establish, and maintain scientific and natural areas, and to adopt rules and regulations in relation thereto; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 84.03.

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

Section 1. [84.033] **Conservation; scientific and natural**

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areas. *The commissioner of conservation may acquire by gift, lease, easement, or purchase, in the manner prescribed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 117.20, in the name of the state, lands or any interest in lands suitable and desirable for establishing and maintaining scientific and natural areas. The commissioner shall designate as such the scientific and natural area lands under his jurisdiction and may post any of these lands as a "scientific and natural area." He shall preserve, protect, and manage these lands for the public welfare in consultation with qualified persons, and shall make such improvements as are found necessary to these purposes. For the purposes of this subdivision, "scientific and natural area" means an area of land or water having values inherent in the natural condition of the land or water. These values include, but are not limited to the following: (1) a living museum; (2) a site for scientific study; (3) an area for teaching natural history and conservation; and (4) a habitat for rare and endangered species of plants and animals. Land designated as a "scientific and natural area" shall not be altered in designation or use without holding a public hearing on the matter at a time and place designated in the notice of the hearing, which shall be published once in a legal newspaper in each county in which the lands are situated at least seven days in advance of the hearing. At the hearing the commissioner shall provide an opportunity for any person to be heard.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 84.03, is amended to read:

84.03 Additional duties and powers. So far as practicable the commissioner shall collect and arrange statistics and other information in reference to the lands and general and special resources of the state.

He is hereby authorized and empowered to take such measures as he may deem advisable to advertise, both within and without the state, sales of all state lands, and to secure, compile, and issue such valuable statistics of the resources of the state.

He may adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, governing the use and enjoyment of state land reserved from sale, state parks, state public camp grounds, public access sites, boat launching facilities, state recreation reserves, trails, state monument sites, *scientific and natural areas*, and recreational areas owned by other state, local and federal agencies and operated under agreement by the department of conservation, which shall have the force and effect of law. A reasonable fee may be fixed, charged, and collected by the commissioner for the privilege of the use of any or all of the foregoing privileges and facilities.

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The commissioner, biennially, shall report to the legislature his acts and doings, with recommendation for the improvement or conservation of state parks, state public camp grounds, public access sites, boat launching facilities, state recreation reserves, trails, and state monument sites, and all other recreational lands under the jurisdiction of the department of conservation, and for desirable accessions thereto, such report to include an inventory of the tracts and parcels of land, and rights, interests, and easements therein, held by the state or withdrawn from sale for any of these purposes, with the value thereof. He shall maintain a long range plan governing the use of the public domain under his jurisdiction.

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CHAPTER 471—H. F. No. 1574

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to agriculture; licensing and regulation of wholesale produce dealers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Chapter 27, by adding a section; Sections 27.01; 27.04; and 27.06; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 27.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Chapter 27, is amended by adding a section to read:

[27.001] Wholesale produce dealers; licenses; public policy. *The legislature recognizes that perishable agricultural products are important sources of revenue to a large number of citizens of this state engaged in producing, processing, manufacturing, or selling such products and that such products cannot be repossessed in case of default. It is therefore declared to be the policy of the legislature that certain financial protection be afforded those who are producers on the farm; farmer cooperatives exempted from wholesale dealers license by reason of this act; licensed wholesale dealers, including the retail merchant purchasing produce directly from farmers; and non-profit organizations producing agricultural produce for resale. The provisions of this chapter which relate to perishable agricultural commodities shall be liberally construed to achieve these ends and shall be administered and enforced with a view to carrying out the above declaration of policy.*

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