

CHAPTER 415—H.F.No.1241

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An act relating to outdoor recreation; appropriating money for acquisition of parks, trails, wildlife lands and for other purposes; authorizing sale of bonds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. NATURAL RESOURCES; OUTDOOR RECREATION; APPROPRIATION FOR LAND ACQUISITION. Subdivision 1. There is appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury to the commissioner of natural resources, except as otherwise indicated, the sums of money set forth in this section, for the acquisition of outdoor recreation lands and other purposes as more specifically described in subdivisions 2 to 8, to be available for the biennium ending June 30, 1977.

All acquisition shall be in accordance with the policies established in the outdoor recreation act of 1975, if enacted. Lands acquired for a unit of the outdoor recreation system shall be suited to accomplish the purposes for which the unit is established and suited to be managed in accordance with the management principles applicable to the unit. Lands shall be acquired by the commissioner of administration for the commissioner of natural resources where provided by law.

TOTAL APPROPRIATED: \$15,000,000

Subd. 2. State parks and recreation areas, as listed and described in sections 85.012 and 85.013 \$ 7,000,000

First priority for acquisition shall be given to land within existing statutory boundaries where the property is needed for immediate development in order to accomplish the purposes for which the unit is authorized, or where the anticipated use of the property is incompatible with the purposes for which the unit is authorized, or where the market value of comparable property in vicinity of the property to be acquired has risen more than ten percent in each of the previous two years.

Subd. 3. State trails, as listed and described in section 85.015 1,000,000

Subd. 4. State forests, as listed and described in section 85.021 2,000,000

Priority shall first be given to acquiring the remaining lands in Sand Dunes state forest and then to lands

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particularly suited for use as state forest campgrounds or day use areas and to lands within state forests that possess outstanding natural or scenic values, forest growth, lake or river shoreland, or rare and distinctive species of flora and fauna native to the area, that should be preserved for the benefit of the public.

Subd. 5. Fishing management lands, comprising lands and riparian rights and other interests therein needed for management of waters for primary wildlife use and benefit and for access to fishing waters pursuant to section 97.48, subdivisions 8, 11 and 15

1,000,000

Subd. 6. State wildlife management areas, acquired pursuant to section 97.48, Subdivision 13; and 97.481

2,750,000

Acquisition shall be limited to wildlife lands and waters that are of high priority because they are critical to the functioning of a unit already in public ownership, or are threatened with development that is incompatible with preservation of the area for wildlife management, or the market value of comparable property in the vicinity of the property to be acquired has risen more than ten percent in each of the previous two years, and that can be acquired from a willing seller.

None of this appropriation shall be encumbered or expended for the purchase of wildlife management areas until 60 days after the commissioner of natural resources has submitted to the legislature in the manner provided in section 3.195 a long-range plan of acquisition of wildlife management areas. The plan shall list each parcel proposed for acquisition, showing its general location, its approximate acreage, and the estimated cost of acquisition. The list shall be ranked in order of priority and shall be divided into parcels that are 1) critical, 2) highly desirable but not critical, and 3) those eventually to be acquired. The division shall be made so that approximately one-third of the total estimated cost of acquisition is allocated to each category.

This appropriation shall be available to acquire only those parcels included in the "critical" category.

Subd. 7. Wetlands outside of designated wildlife management areas 750,000

This appropriation is available primarily for the acquisition of conservation restrictions, perpetual easements, and long-term leases. No more than half may be spent for acquisition of fee title. First priority shall be given to acquisition of wetland areas for which an application for a permit to drain pursuant to section 105.42 has been denied.

Subd. 8. Wild, scenic, and recreational rivers, designated pursuant to sections 104.25 to 104.40, and canoe and boating routes, portages, and camp sites, as listed and described in section 85.32 500,000

Subd. 9. Of the amounts appropriated by this section, not more than \$2,250,000 may be expended by the commissioners of administration and natural resources for professional services.

Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION AND BONDS FOR METROPOLITAN PARKS. Subdivision 1. **APPROPRIATION.** The sum of \$20,000,000 or so much thereof as is determined to be needed for application in accordance with the provisions of this section, is appropriated from the Minnesota State building fund to the commissioner of natural resources for grants to pay the cost of the acquisition and betterment by the metropolitan council and local government units of regional recreation open space in accordance with the council's policy plan, as provided in Laws 1975, Chapter 13, Sections 10, 43 to 51, and 147, by which Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 473G, was repealed and substantially re-enacted, and has continued in active operation under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.37. The metropolitan council may establish and enter into an agreement for the investment and administration of an escrow fund in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.67, Subdivisions 5 to 10, sufficient and irrevocably appropriated for the payment and redemption, with interest and redemption premiums, if any, of all outstanding bonds issued by the council on or before April 1, 1975, for the purpose for which funds are appropriated in this section. From the funds herein appropriated the commissioner may grant to the council the sum required for the establishment of the escrow fund. The remaining amount herein appropriated may be granted by the commissioner to the council and to local government units for direct application in the manner and upon the conditions set forth in Laws 1975, Chapter 13, Section 47. Such grants, together with the proceeds of the council's bonds, shall be available for payment of relocation costs and tax equivalents required in Laws 1975, Chapter

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13, Sections 47 and 51.

Subd. 2: **BOND SALE.** To provide the money appropriated in subdivision 1 the commissioner of finance upon request of the governor shall sell and issue bonds of the state in the amount of \$20,000,000 in the manner and upon the terms prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 16A.63 to 16A.67 and by the Constitution, Article XI, Sections 4 to 7. The proceeds of the bonds are appropriated to the Minnesota state building fund except as otherwise provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 16A.64.

Subd. 3: **DEBT SERVICE.** There is annually appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury to the Minnesota state building bond account in the state bond fund an amount sufficient to pay principal and interest coming due on bonds authorized by subdivision 2, in the amount and manner specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 16A.64, Subdivision 5.

Sec. 3. This act is effective July 1, 1975.

Approved June 4, 1975.

CHAPTER 416—H.F.No.1309

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An act relating to the operation of state government; authorizing the commissioner of administration to establish on a demonstration basis a regional service center comprising selected state agencies and to enter into a lease for purposes of acquiring suitable space for the center.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[16.014] STATE GOVERNMENT; REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER; STATE AGENCIES; COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION, LEASING AUTHORITY.** Subdivision 1. The commissioner of administration may establish a regional service center on a demonstration basis. The state planning agency and the regional development commission of region No. 2 shall cooperate with the commissioner in establishing the service center. The commissioner shall determine which state agencies shall be included in the service center. The commissioner may determine equitable methods of sharing space, personnel and equipment for the agencies he selects to participate in the demonstration service center.

Subd. 2. The commissioner may enter into a rental lease for a base term of five years with a five year leasehold renewal option for the purpose of acquiring suitable space for the service center.

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