

agency contracted with may add that number of part-time positions to the agency's maximum under this subdivision if the agency hires or offers employment to all full-time peace officers employed by the dissolved agency at the time of dissolution. The employment offered must be of comparable responsibility and salary.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 25, 2003

Signed by the governor April 28, 2003, 12:55 p.m.

CHAPTER 24—H.F.No. 850

An act relating to natural resources; deleting from the Minnesota Valley state recreation area; conveying land in Sibley county to a local unit of government for the use of the general public.

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

Section 1. DELETIONS FROM MINNESOTA VALLEY STATE RECREATION AREA.

[85.013] [Subd. 17a.] MINNESOTA VALLEY STATE RECREATION AREA; SIBLEY COUNTY. The following areas are deleted from the Minnesota Valley state recreation area, Sibley county:

(1) Tract 43 (Sibley County to the State of Minnesota; 160 acres, more or less) Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Fifteen (15), Township One Hundred Twelve (112) North, of Range Twenty-Six (26) West;

(2) Tract 89 (Nagel to the State of Minnesota; 45.7 acres, more or less) The West One-half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (W1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4), Section Twenty-three (23), Township One Hundred Twelve (112) North, Range Twenty-six (26) West;

(3) The South One-half of the North One-half of the Northeast Quarter (S1/2 N1/2 NE1/4), except the East 960 feet thereof, Section Twenty-three (23), Township One Hundred Twelve (112) North, Range Twenty-six (26) West;

(4) Tract 90 (Nagel to the State of Minnesota; 20 acres, more or less) The East One-half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (E1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4), Section Twenty-three (23), Township One Hundred Twelve (112) North, Range Twenty-six (26) West; and

(5) Tract 91 (Nagel to the State of Minnesota; 60 acres, more or less) Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4 SW1/4), Section Fourteen (14), Township

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One Hundred Twelve (112) North, Range Twenty-six (26) West, and the East One-half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (E1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4), Section Twenty-three (23), Township One Hundred Twelve (112) North, Range Twenty-six (26) West, containing 60 acres, more or less.

Sec. 2. CONVEYANCE OF LAND; SIBLEY COUNTY.

(a) The commissioner of natural resources shall convey to Sibley county for no consideration the lands described in section 1, upon receipt of a resolution requesting the conveyance from Sibley county. If Sibley county declines the conveyance, the commissioner may convey the lands to the city of Henderson, upon receipt of a resolution requesting the conveyance.

(b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general and provide that the land reverts to the state if the owner does not keep it open to the general public, provided that the owner may manage the land in the manner it deems appropriate, including charging a fee for use of the land or certain services, and contracting with a private nonprofit organization for management of the park.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following receipt of a resolution accepting the conveyance under section 2, paragraph (a). Section 2 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 29, 2003

Signed by the governor May 2, 2003, 3:20 p.m.

CHAPTER 25—H.F.No. 1112

An act relating to veterans affairs; providing authority to the Department of Veterans Affairs to access certain state databases to verify eligibility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 13.461, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 13.461, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 27. STATE SOLDIERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Access to information for purposes of verifying eligibility for the state soldiers assistance program is governed by section 197.065.

Sec. 2. [197.065] ACCESS TO DATABASE.

Notwithstanding section 13.46, subdivision 2, the commissioner of veterans affairs may electronically access the MAXIS database maintained by the Department

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