

has been issued and is in force and effect, then such lake, with the approval of the executive council; may be drained and the iron ore removed from the bed thereof by the lessee or its assigns under such state mineral lease for the purpose of mining iron ore owned by the state underneath the bed of such lake adjoining the lands covered by such state mineral lease under the terms and conditions of such state mineral lease.

The royalty payments by the lessee to the state for the ore that shall be removed from such lake bed shall be fixed by the executive council and shall be not less than the minimum royalties provided for *in section 93.20*. In case the addition of the lake bed to the area subject to such state mineral lease shall increase the area covered by such lease to an area exceeding 80 acres then the annual ground rental for such enlarged area shall be increased by \$1,000.

The lessee or its assigns shall have the power to institute condemnation proceedings, to pay for the interests of private persons or corporations who or which may be injured or whose rights may be destroyed by the carrying on of such operations.

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CHAPTER 341—H. F. No. 1125

An act relating to the exchange of state lands.

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

Section 1. Exchange of state lands. Notwithstanding any provision of Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 92.40, Subdivision 2, or any other existing law to the contrary, Class A state lands located within the Red Lake Game Preserve, the conservation areas created under Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 88.54 and 94.20, the Beltrami Island Conservation Project, the Beltrami Island State Forest, the Pine Island Conservation Project, the Pine Island State Forest, and all state forests or parts thereof in the area within the proclaimed boundaries of the Superior National Forest and the Chippewa National Forest wherein consent of the state to acquisition of land by the United States has heretofore been given by or pursuant to law may be exchanged for other lands within or

without said areas upon compliance with all other provisions of law relating to the exchange of such lands, even though such exchanges may reduce land holdings of the state within the respective areas above specified.

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CHAPTER 342—H. F. No. 1204

An act relating to state mineral lands and the leasing of stockpiled ore.

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

Section 1. Division of stockpiled iron ore. The commissioner of conservation shall divide all stockpiled iron ore belonging to the state or in which the state has an interest into mining units, no one of which shall contain iron ore belonging to more than one permanent trust fund.

Sec. 2. Permits to prospect. Permits to prospect such stockpiled iron ore mining units shall be sold in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 93.16 and 93.17.

Sec. 3. Manner of prospecting. The holder of any such permit shall have the right to prospect such stockpiled iron ore mining units for one year from the date thereof, and no longer, but no ore shall be removed therefrom until a lease has been executed. No permit for the same unit shall be issued to the same person for two six-month periods in succession. The work of prospecting under a permit shall begin within six months from the date thereof and continued until the permit expires, is surrendered, or a lease asked for. The permittee shall report, in writing, to the commissioner the time of beginning such prospecting and shall report on the first business day of each April, July, October and January the progress of the work of prospecting, and accompanying these reports with maps showing the character and extent of the work done, the nature of materials encountered in the work, and the analysis for iron, silica, phosphorus, alumina, and manganese of all iron-bearing formation encountered. The permit holder shall split all samples taken and furnish the commissioner, or his representative, from time to time as the commissioner, or his representative, shall direct, with a