

with the law and regulations of the board and the ~~bureau of animal industry~~ *animal disease eradication division* of the United States department of agriculture, and the completion of the cleaning and disinfection of the premises, the state board shall certify the appraisal to the state auditor, who shall draw a warrant on the state treasurer for the proper amount thereof, payable to the owner. If the appraisal is made in respect to animals or other property or both destroyed under an emergency declared by the United States department of agriculture, the state auditor shall draw a warrant on the state treasurer for one-half of the amount thereof payable to the owner, and the remaining one-half of the appraisal to be paid by the federal government under the cooperative arrangement; provided that if said disease is of such nature that the carcasses of the diseased or exposed animals, or any part thereof, may be salvaged for human food or other purposes, the net amount of such salvage paid to the owner shall be deducted from the appraisal, and the remainder shall be paid to the owner by the state or by the state and federal government in the manner heretofore provided.

Sec. 4. **Effective date.** *This act takes effect on July 1, 1965.*

Approved May 19, 1965.

CHAPTER 473—H. F. No. 843

An act relating to the sale of certain tax-forfeited land lying within 1500 feet of the established harbor line located in harbors upon the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence Seaway; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 458.59.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 458.59 is amended to read:

458.59 **St. Lawrence Seaway; sale of tax-forfeited lands; declaration of public use; sale and use of land.** *Subdivision 1.* It is hereby determined and declared that the use of any submerged, eroded, or depleted tracts of land in harbors upon navigable waters by any political subdivision of this state or by any port authority for the purpose of conserving, developing, reclaiming or protecting such lands so as to restore them to economic usefulness is a public use conferring a public benefit. The commissioner of taxation is authorized to transfer any of such tracts forfeited to the state for taxes to any political subdivision of this state or port authority for such use

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in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 282.01. Any political subdivision of this state or any port authority acquiring such lands may conserve, develop, reclaim or protect them in any manner deemed suitable by the governing body. Upon their being restored to a state of economic usefulness, any such political subdivision or port authority may put them to their own use, or lease them upon such terms and conditions as the governing body may see fit.

No such lease shall be made and entered into without the approval of the governor and the state executive council.

No state owned tax forfeited land comprising riparian lands or submerged lands within the harbor line as duly established, and all such tax forfeited lands lying within a distance of 1500 feet thereof, located in harbors upon the Great Lakes — St. Lawrence Seaway shall be offered for sale or sold to any private person, firm or corporation and all such tax forfeited lands are hereby withdrawn from sale to such private persons, firms or corporations.

Subd. 2. State-owned tax-forfeited riparian or submerged lands located in harbors upon the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway lying within 1500 feet of the duly established harbor line may be offered for sale or sold as tax-forfeited land as allowed by law; provided however, if such lands lie within a port district which is subject to the jurisdiction of a seaway port authority existing by virtue of Minnesota Statutes 458.09 to 458.19, such offer for sale, or sale shall not be made without the approval by resolution of such seaway port authority and of the executive council of the state. The provisions of this subdivision shall not amend, repeal or otherwise affect Laws 1963, Chapter 827.

Provided further that if such lands have been developed, improved or used for business or development purposes by persons, firms, or corporations who are using and occupying, and who have used and occupied, said property for business or development purposes for at least two years prior to sale, pursuant to a lease with the state or a governmental subdivision, then such person, firm, or corporation shall have the right, on the first day set for sale by the county auditor, to purchase said property at 125 percent of the appraised value.

In the event that any of the provisions of subdivision 2 render this act unconstitutional, that portion of subdivision 2 shall be severable and of no effect.

Approved May 19, 1965.

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