

Sec. 2. **Application.**—This act shall not apply to counties wherein the salaries of county officials are fixed by special law.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 84—H. F. No. 289.

An act providing for the removal of fish from certain shallow lakes or sloughs in winter when in danger of smothering.

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

Section 1. **Fish in shallow sloughs or lakes, when in danger of smothering, to be removed by game and fish commissioner or to be sold and proceeds paid into state treasury.**—Whenever information shall have been furnished the state game and fish commissioner by petition or otherwise that fish in any certain shallow sloughs, lake or lakes in any county of the state are smothering, or may be in immediate danger of smothering during the winter by reason of the shallowness of said slough, lake or lakes, it shall be the duty of the state game and fish commissioner to immediately, in person or by a game warden, make an investigation of said conditions reported.

If it is found upon such investigation that the fish in said shallow slough, lake or lakes are in fact smothering or in immediate danger of smothering, said game and fish commissioner shall have authority to catch by means of nets or otherwise all such fish and transfer such as may be suitable for stocking purposes to other waters of the state.

Such varieties of fish so taken as may not be desirable for stocking purposes shall be sold and the proceeds thereof paid into the state treasury.

Sec. 2. **Game and fish commissioner authorized to license residents to take such fish from sloughs and lakes.**—In case such shallow sloughs, lake or lakes, do not contain fish desirable for stocking other waters the game and fish commissioner is hereby authorized to grant permission, properly safeguarded, to residents of the state to take such fish as may be found therein by any means desired and at any time, for their own personal use.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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