

**Sec. 3. Commissioner of conservation to control.** Said park shall be under the supervision and control of the commissioner of conservation, and shall be administered and maintained under the laws relating to other state parks, so far as applicable; provided, that suitable portions thereof may be used for forestry experimentations or other scientific purposes in cooperation with and subject to the approval of the University of Minnesota, reserving at least 100 acres of the best timbered and most scenic portions exclusively for public park purposes.

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CHAPTER 154—S. F. No. 644

*An act relating to tax on gasoline and gasoline substitutes, providing for the purchase of bond premiums by the commissioner of administration, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 296.06, Subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 1943, Chapter 320, Section 6.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 296.06, Subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 1943, Chapter 320, Section 6, is amended to read as follows:

**"296.06. Fees; conditions; bonds.** Subdivision 2. A distributor's license shall be issued to any responsible person qualifying under this act as a distributor who makes application therefor, and who shall pay to the commissioner at the time thereof and annually thereafter a license fee of \$1.00, and who shall further comply with the following conditions:

(1) A written application shall be made in a manner approved by the commissioner, who shall require the applicant or licensee to deposit with the state treasurer securities of the United States government or the state of Minnesota or to execute and file a bond, with a corporate surety approved by the commissioner, to the state of Minnesota in an amount to be determined by the commissioner and in a form to be fixed by the commissioner and approved by the attorney general, and which shall be conditioned for the payment when due of all gasoline excise taxes, inspection fees, penalties and accrued interest arising in the ordinary course of business or by reason

of any delinquent money which may be due the state of Minnesota. The bond shall cover all places of business within the state where petroleum products are received by the licensee. All licenses and bonds executed and delivered hereunder shall be for the duration of one year, expiring May 31.

(2) An initial applicant for a distributor's license other than an exclusive industrial user shall furnish a bond in a minimum sum of \$3,000 for the first year.

(3) Whenever it is the opinion of the commissioner that the bond given by a licensee is inadequate in amount to fully protect the state, he shall require an additional bond in such amount as he deems sufficient.

(4) If any licensee desires to be exempt from depositing securities or furnishing such bond as hereinbefore provided he shall furnish an itemized financial statement showing the assets and the liabilities of the applicant and if it shall appear to the commissioner from the financial statement or otherwise that the applicant is financially responsible then the commissioner may exempt such applicant from depositing such securities or furnishing such bond until the commissioner otherwise orders.

(5) The premium on any bond required under Subdivision 2 (1) and (2) and on any additional bond required under Subdivision 2 (3) shall be paid by the commissioner out of a bond premium fund which he shall set up from an appropriation by the Legislature from whatever funds are available. *All of said bonds required during each fiscal year ending May 31st shall be purchased by the Commissioner of Administration from the lowest responsible bidder after advertising for competitive bids in the manner prescribed by Laws 1939, Chapter 431, Article 11, as amended. The Commissioner of Administration shall call for bids within a reasonable period prior to the commencement of each fiscal year and the first call shall cover all new bonds required during the fiscal year beginning June 1, 1945 and ending May 31, 1946."*

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#### CHAPTER 155—S. F. No. 699

*An act relating to organization and administration of state government, the powers of the commissioner of administration in the purchase of surplus war equipment without competi-*