

the commissioner of conservation may purchase for and furnish to any governmental subdivisions of the state authorized to engage in forest fire prevention or suppression materials or equipment therefor, and may use for that purpose any funds available for the purchase of forest fire prevention or suppression equipment under federal grants, if permitted by the terms thereof, or under state appropriations, unless otherwise expressly provided. Except as otherwise authorized or permitted by federal or state laws or regulations, the governmental subdivision receiving any such materials or equipment shall reimburse the state for the cost thereof. All moneys received in such reimbursement shall be credited to the fund from which the purchase was made, and are hereby reappropriated and shall be available for the same purpose as the original appropriation.

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CHAPTER 522—S. F. No. 565

*An act relating to forestry, providing for acceptance and use of federal grants for forest fire prevention and other forestry purposes, and appropriating money therefor.*

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

**Section 1. Forest fire protection.** Subdivision 1. **Grants from United States.** The commissioner of conservation, in behalf of the state, may accept and use grants of money or property from the United States for forest fire prevention or any other forestry purpose not inconsistent with the laws of this state. Any money or property so received is hereby appropriated and dedicated for the purposes for which it is granted, and shall be expended or used solely for such purposes in accordance with the federal laws and regulations pertaining thereto, subject to applicable state laws and regulations as to manner of expenditure or use.

Subd. 2. **State appropriations not reduced.** Except as otherwise expressly provided by state law or by the terms of the grant, all moneys heretofore or hereafter received from the United States for such purposes shall be deemed to be in addition to any state moneys appropriated for like purposes, no such state appropriation shall be offset or reduced by reason of such grant, and the commissioner of conservation

may determine whether expenditures shall be made from the federal grant or the state appropriation. Unexpended or unencumbered balances of such moneys hereafter received from the United States and hereafter remaining on hand at any time shall not be cancelled or applied in reimbursement or offset of state appropriations, but shall remain available for the purposes for which they were granted until expended.

**Sec. 2. Compliance; enforcement.** Appropriate funds and accounts shall be maintained by the state auditor and state treasurer to secure compliance with the provisions hereof.

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#### CHAPTER 523—S. F. No. 645

*An act creating a commission for the purpose of selecting or establishing a site on which to build a state school for the feeble-minded; prescribing the duties of such commission and the method of its appointment; providing for the preparation of plans and specifications for a school for the feeble-minded on the site so selected and for expenses of the commission; Providing for the submission of the report of said commission and said preliminary plans and specifications to the next session of the Legislature; and appropriating moneys to carry out the purposes of this act.*

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

**Section 1. State feeble-minded school site commission.** There is hereby created a commission to be known as the State Feeble-minded School Site Commission, which shall consist of five members, two to be appointed by the Governor, two to be appointed by the Executive Council, and a fifth member who shall be the Director of Public Institutions. The members of the Commission shall be citizens and residents of the State of Minnesota. The Commission shall select or establish a site at such place in northern Minnesota as may to said Commission seem best and proper for the erection of another State School for the Feeble-minded, and cause to be prepared and submitted to the next session of the legislature a report and the plans, specifications, and estimate hereinafter referred to. In selecting said site the Commission is to have in mind the acquiring or establishing of a site of not less than 640 acres and to see to it that the site, so selected,