

CHAPTER 320—S. F. No. 838

An act relating to the business of mining and beneficiating taconite and the power of eminent domain in connection therewith; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 298.29.

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 298.29, be amended to read as follows :

298.29. Taconite mining company granted power of eminent domain. The business of mining and beneficiating taconite, as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 298.23, is declared to be in the public interest and necessary to the public welfare, and the taking of private property therefor is declared to be for a public use and purpose. Any corporation or association engaged in or preparing to engage in the business of mining and beneficiating taconite is authorized to acquire, for the purposes of such business, easements, rights of way, and surface rights over, through, or across any lands, not owned by the state or devoted to a public purpose, for the erection and maintenance of pipe lines, pole lines, conduits, sluiceways, roads, railroads, or tramways. It may also acquire, for the purposes of such business, flowage rights, rights to transport crude ore, concentrates therefrom, or waste materials, and lands upon which to deposit tailings, stripping, and other waste products of such business. It may also acquire necessary sites of grounds for plants and other buildings requisite to the proper carrying on of such business, *and lands, easements or private water rights requisite to the construction of wharves, piers, breakwaters, or similar facilities requisite to the carrying on of such business or the shipment of the products thereof.* To such end it shall have and enjoy the right of eminent domain to be exercised in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1941, Chapter 117, and acts amendatory thereof, all of which provisions shall govern in so far as they may be applicable thereto. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing the taking of any property owned by the state, or any municipal subdivision thereof, or the acquisition of any rights in public waters except after permit, lease, license, or authorization issued pursuant to law.

Approved April 14, 1947.