

(SENATE AUTHORS: TOMASSONI and Bakk)

DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/21/2011	274	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment and Natural Resources

A bill for an act
relating to state lands; modifying procedures for administration of certain
tax-forfeited lands; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 282.01, by
adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 282.01, is amended by adding a
subdivision to read:

Subd. 13. **Giants Ridge Recreation Area lands.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision
1 or any other provision in this chapter, all tax-forfeited lands that are located within
the Giants Ridge Recreation Area defined in section 298.22, subdivision 7, except
conservation lands held by the state free from any trust in favor of a taxing district,
are hereby classified as nonconservation lands and are withdrawn from sale, except as
otherwise provided in this subdivision.

(b) All authority, power, or responsibility relating generally to the administration of
the tax-forfeited lands described in paragraph (a) that otherwise are assigned to the county
board or any other county official by this chapter are hereby assigned to the commissioner
of Iron Range resources and rehabilitation. The commissioner of Iron Range resources
and rehabilitation shall pay all administrative, improvement, and maintenance costs
incurred during the period of administration.

(c) The commissioner of Iron Range resources and rehabilitation may sell any
tax-forfeited land described in paragraph (a) or products from the tax-forfeited land for
fair market value. No tax-forfeited land or the products thereof shall be sold by the
commissioner for less than the fair market value of the property without the prior approval
of at least seven members of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.

(d) The net proceeds from the sale or rental of any tax-forfeited land described in paragraph (a) or from the sale of products from the tax-forfeited land must be allocated by the commissioner of Iron Range resources and rehabilitation as follows:

(1) first, to pay to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board an administrative fee of ... percent to compensate the board for the board's general administrative costs;

(2) second, to pay St. Louis County an administrative fee of ... percent to compensate the county for the county's general administrative costs incurred prior to July 1, 2011;

(3) third, to reimburse the office of the commissioner of Iron Range resources and rehabilitation for all improvement and maintenance costs incurred by the office during the period the property was withheld from public sale and in connection with the sale of the property; and

(4) any balance remaining, to apportion to the taxing districts where the land is located in the manner provided in section 282.08, clause (4), item (iii).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.