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02/17/2021	430	Introduction and first reading Referred to Mining and Forestry Policy
02/25/2021	520	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance
03/08/2021	745	Comm report: To pass
	759	Second reading
	4795	Rule 47, returned to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance See SF814, Sec. 114

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A bill for an act

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relating to natural resources; modifying terms for certain timber permits.

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

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Section 1. **TIMBER PERMITS; ADDRESSING MARKET CHANGES.**

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(a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 90.151, all unexpired timber permits

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issued before January 1, 2021, are extended two years beyond the expiration date specified

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in the permit.

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(b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, chapter 90, the holder of a permit to cut and

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remove timber issued under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 90, before January 1, 2021, may

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surrender the permit for cancellation to the commissioner of natural resources for a full

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refund of the permit down payment and security deposit if:

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(1) the timber authorized to be cut under the permit is comprised of at least 25 percent

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spruce, balsam, or birch; and

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(2) the permit holder has not begun cutting timber under the permit.

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(c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, chapter 90, when the holder of a permit to cut

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and remove timber issued under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 90, has begun cutting timber

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under the permit, the permit holder may surrender the permit for cancellation to the

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commissioner of natural resources under the terms of paragraph (d) if the timber authorized

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to be cut under the permit is comprised of at least 25 percent spruce, balsam, or birch.

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(d) To be eligible for surrender under paragraph (c), the permit must have been issued

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before January 1, 2021. The permit holder is liable to the state for the scaled value of the

2.1 timber cut and is entitled to a refund of the permit down payment only to the extent the
2.2 amount exceeds the amount due the state. Surrender under paragraph (c) is not a default for
2.3 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 90.161. The permit holder is entitled to a return of
2.4 the security deposit if the permit holder's financial obligations to the state are fulfilled
2.5 according to a statement issued by the commissioner of natural resources under Minnesota
2.6 Statutes, section 90.181.