

Chapter 9

2023 Regular Session

Subject State Lands
Bill H.F. 50
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Overview

This act contains a number of provisions that pertain to the administration of state land, including the 2022 state land-related policy recommendations of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This act reflects the state land provisions contained in the conference committee report for the omnibus environment and natural resources bill (S.F. 4062) from the 2022 session that was posted at the end of session, but ultimately was not passed into law.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Conveying interests in lands to state, federal, and Tribal governments.</p> <p>Allows the DNR to waive/assume certain fees and costs associated with issuing an easement on state lands if the commissioner determines that issuing the easement will benefit the state's land management interests.</p>
2	<p>Road easements across state lands.</p> <p>Allows the DNR to waive/assume certain fees and costs associated with issuing a road easement on state lands if the commissioner determines that issuing the easement will benefit the state's land management interests.</p>
3	<p>Conveyance of unneeded state easements.</p> <p>Allows the DNR to waive certain fees and costs associated with releasing a state easement if the commissioner determines that releasing the easement will benefit the state's land management interests.</p>
4	<p>Leasing tax-forfeited and state lands.</p> <p>Allows the DNR to enter into a 30-year lease of DNR administered land for facilities.</p>
5	<p>Timber sales; land leases and uses.</p> <p>Allows a county auditor to lease tax-forfeited land for the purposes of investigating, analyzing, and developing conservation easements that provide ecosystem services.</p>

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	Increases the number of years (from ten to 25) a lease term may be and increases the maximum (from \$12,000 to \$50,000) a lease may be before being required to be offered at public sale.
6	Conservation easements. Allows a county auditor, with prior review and consultation with the DNR, to convey conservation easements on tax-forfeited land.
7	Sale of tax-forfeited leased lands; St. Louis County. Allows St. Louis County to sell tax-forfeited lakeshore lots that are currently being leased. A similar session law allowing the county to do so expired in 2022.
8	Addition to state park. Adds land to the statutory boundary of Myre-Big Island State Park.
9	Deletion from state forest. Removes land from the statutory boundary of Cloquet Valley State Forest.
10	Addition to state forest. Adds land to the statutory boundary of Riverlands State Forest.
11	Private sale of tax-forfeited land; Beltrami County. Allows Beltrami County to sell by private sale certain tax-forfeited land.
12	Public sale of surplus state land bordering public water; Cass County. Allows the DNR to sell surplus state land bordering Agate Lake in Cass County.
13	Private sale of surplus state land; Crow Wing County. Allows the DNR to sell surplus state land in Crow Wing County by private sale.
14	Public sale of surplus state land bordering public water; Filmore County. Allows the DNR to sell surplus state land bordering the Root River and Watson Creek in Filmore County.
15	Conveyance of tax-forfeited land bordering public water; Goodhue County. Allows Goodhue County to convey certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water to the city of Wanamingo.
16	Private sale of surplus land bordering public water; Hennepin County. Allows the DNR to sell surplus state land bordering Long Lake in Hennepin County to a local government unit for less than market value.

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17	Public sale of surplus state land bordering public water; Itasca County. Allows the DNR to sell surplus state land bordering Trout Lake in Itasca County.
18	Private sale of surplus state land; Pine County. Allows the DNR to sell surplus state land in Pine County by private sale.
19	Land exchange; St. Louis County. Allows St. Louis County to exchange certain lands with the approval of the Land Exchange Board.
20	Land acquisition trust fund; St. Louis County. Allows St. Louis County to deposit proceeds from the sale of tax-forfeited land into a tax-forfeited land acquisition trust fund to be spent on the purchase of lands better suited for retention and management by St. Louis County. Establishes certain requirements for the lands.
21	Private sale of tax-forfeited lands; St. Louis County. Allows St. Louis County to sell by private sale certain tax-forfeited lands.
22	Private sale of surplus state land bordering public water; Sherburne County. Allows the DNR to sell surplus state land in Sherburne County bordering public water by private sale.
23	Authorization of adjutant general to exchange surplus property with the city of Rosemount. Allows the adjutant general of the Minnesota National Guard to exchange certain surplus state land for land within the city of Rosemount with the approval of the Land Exchange Board.



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