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AN ACT to amend 24.085 (1), 182.60 (1) and (2) and 236.45 (5); and to create 15.995 (4) and 23.09 (18) of the statutes, relating to the acquisition and use of the federally-owned lands within the Bong air base.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 15.995 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

15.995 (4) BONG AIR BASE. (a) Subsections (1), (2) and (3) do not apply to and the commission is not authorized to acquire any interest of any kind in the federally-owned lands within the Bong air base in Kenosha county.

(b) All lands within the Bong air base in Kenosha county which have been conveyed by the United States to the state of Wisconsin or to the federal surplus property development corporation on or before the effective date of this subsection (1965) pursuant to this section or s. 182.60 are transferred to the state conservation commission.

(c) All agreements and contracts made or entered into by the commission which relate to or affect the lands within the Bong air base in Kenosha county are hereby canceled and terminated.

(d) All files, records and reports of every kind relating to the Bong air base in Kenosha county and in the possession or custody of the commission are hereby transferred to the state conservation commission.

SECTION 2. 23.09 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

23.09 (18) BONG AIR BASE. The commission is authorized to acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise the federally-owned lands, improvements and appurtenances thereto within the Bong air base in Kenosha county which may be disposed of by the federal government to be used by the commission for any of the purposes in sub. (7) (d).

SECTION 3. 24.085 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24.085 (1) The state conservation commission is authorized and empowered to sell at public or private sale, lands and structures owned by the state under the jurisdiction of the state conservation commission when said commission determines that said lands are no longer necessary for the state's use for conservation purposes. Upon request of the Wisconsin federal surplus property development commission, the commission shall sell any lands thus requested within the Bong air force base when owned by the commission in outright fee to the Wisconsin federal surplus property development commission, or its designee, at fair market value.

SECTION 4. 182.60 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

182.60 (1) Nonprofit federal surplus property development corporations hereafter known as development corporations may be created by the Wisconsin federal surplus property development commission when a majority of the commissioners determines that the acquisition of federal surplus property, except lands within the Bong air base in Kenosha county, is feasible. Such corporations may be organized under ch. 181 and shall have the powers enumerated therein except as otherwise provided in this section. The members of such corporations shall constitute the board of directors thereof. (2) Development corporations may acquire by gift, devise, lease or purchase any land and improvements and appurtenances thereto (hereinafter called "property") made available by the federal government, except lands within the Bong air base in Kenosha county, if it is determined by them to be necessary to assure that the economic, social and governmental institutions of the state will thereby be enhanced or benefited and protected from piecemeal, unplanned and inefficient development which would adversely affect the tax base or the efficient development of the property. The interest acquired by the corporation may be in fee simple or less than fee simple as may be deemed expedient or necessary by the corporation. Any property thereto determined to be unneeded by the corporation may be leased or sold by the corporation at public or private sale with or without restrictions, conditions or reservations concerning the future use and occupation of such property so as to protect the property and its environs and to preserve the values thereof.

SECTION 5. 236.45 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

236.45 (5) With respect to any surplus lands in excess of 500 acres in area, except the Bong air base in Kenosha county, sold in this state by the federal government for private development, the department of resource development may, in accordance with the procedure specified in ch. 227, regulate the subdivision or other division of such federal surplus land in any of the ways and with the same powers authorized hereunder for municipalities, towns or counties. Before promulgating such rules, the department shall first receive the recommendations of the planning division and of any committee appointed for that purpose by the governor.

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