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CHAPTER 378

AN ACT to create 28.11 (7) and 28.125 of the statutes, relating to county forest crop lands.

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

SECTION 1. 28.11 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

28.11 (7) To enter into agreements, for terms not exceeding 5 years, to prospect for ore or minerals upon any county forest crop lands. Such agreements shall contain proper covenants to safeguard the forest value of the lands involved and to guard against trespass and waste. Proper security shall be taken that the prospector will fully inform the county of every discovery of ore or minerals and will restore the land surface to its former condition and value if no discovery of valuable deposit is made or if said lands are not withdrawn from entry under the forest crop law pursuant to ss. 28.12 and 28.125. Before any such agreement shall be effective it shall first be submitted to the conservation commission for approval. If the conservation commission finds that the proposed agreement fully complies with the law and contains the proper safeguards, it shall approve the same.

SECTION 2. 28.125 of the statutes is created to read:

28.125 WITHDRAWAL FOR MINING AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. (1) The county board by resolution may authorize withdrawal of county forest lands from entry under the forest crop law, without the sale thereof, for the purpose of removing therefrom ore, minerals and other deposits or for the purpose of private development of public recreational facilities.

(2) Such proposed withdrawals shall be referred to the committee designated by the county board to administer the county forests and thereafter such withdrawals shall be subject to s. 28.12 (2) and (3) insofar as applicable and the county shall reimburse the state on the withdrawn lands pursuant to s. 28.12 (4).

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