

plicators, and the extra parts thereof, and rope and ply goods of all kinds and for that purpose to employ, and make use of the labor of prisoners kept in the prison, at any time available therefor and as largely as may be, and such, but only such, skilled laborers as, in the judgment of the commissioner and the warden of the state prison, may be necessary for the feasible and successful and profitable employment of the prisoners therein therefor, and for the purposes of, and to give full effect to sections 640.27 and 640.28, the commissioner may use all of, or any part of, not exceeding \$250,000 of the existing state prison revolving fund created by and existing under sections 640.02 to 640.05; provided, the commissioner and the warden of the prison shall, at all times, in the line of manufacturing herein authorized and directed, employ and make use of prison labor to the largest extent feasible.

The commissioner and the warden of the prison are hereby authorized, directed, and instructed to establish in and throughout all parts of this state where there is use and demand for such manufactured products as are referred to herein, and binding twines, and ropes and ply goods of all kinds, local selling agencies therefor, and to contract with such agencies to furnish thereto for the local sale thereof, the farm machinery the manufacture of which is authorized by sections 640.27 and 640.28, at prices to be fixed by the warden and the commissioner of public welfare, and the local agencies so contracted with are hereby authorized, in the re-sale thereof to their actual customers therefor, to charge advance prices equaling 20 percent of the prices charged them for the machines, plus actual freight charges, but not a greater profit thereon, and the contracts entered into with these agencies shall be so worded as to obligate them to be diligent in the prosecution of the sales of the machines to the customers therefor.

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CHAPTER 728—H. F. No. 1774

An act relating to the taxation of taconite and iron sulphides; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 298.28.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 298.28, is amended to read:

298.28 Division of proceeds. The proceeds of the tax collected under section 298.24 shall be distributed by the state

treasurer, upon certificate of the commissioner of taxation to the general fund of the state and to the various taxing districts in which the lands from which the taconite was mined or quarried were located in the following proportions: 22 percent thereof to the city, village, or town; 50 percent thereof to the school district; 22 percent thereof to the county; six percent thereof to the state. If the mining and concentration, or different steps in *either thereof* are carried on in more than one taxing district, the commissioner shall apportion equitably the proceeds of the part of the tax going to cities, villages or towns among such subdivisions, and the part going to school districts among such districts, and the part going to counties among such counties, upon the basis of attributing 40 percent of the proceeds of the tax to the operation of mining or quarrying the taconite, and the remainder to the concentrating plant and to the processes of concentration, and with respect to *each thereof* giving due consideration to the relative extent of such operations performed in each such taxing district. His order making such apportionment shall be subject to review by the board of tax appeals at the instance of any of the interested taxing districts, in the same manner as other orders of the commissioner. The amount so distributed shall be divided among the various funds of the state, or of the taxing districts in the same proportion as the general ad valorem tax thereof. If in any year the state shall not spread any general ad valorem tax levy against real property, the state's proportion of the tax shall be paid into the general revenue fund. *The amount distributed to any city, village or school district under the provisions hereof shall not be included in computing the permissible levies of such city, village or school district under Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 275.11 or 275.12, so long as such levies are based upon a population not exceeding the population used as the basis for spreading the tax levy in the year 1954. In the event that as the result of taking any census the population basis for computing the limit of levies under said sections is increased above the population used as a basis for spreading the tax levy in the year 1954, or in the event that the basis of either section 275.11 or 275.12 is changed to a basis other than population, the amount of tax distributed pursuant hereto shall be included in computing the permissible levies under either of said sections.*

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CHAPTER 729—H. F. No. 1775

An act relating to the taxation of taconite and iron sulphides; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 298.25.