



S.F. No. 4528 – Forests and forestry capital projects appropriation and bond issuance authorization

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Section 1 [Forests and Forestry Capital Projects]

Subdivision 1 [Definitions] defines “reforestation” and “state forest land” for purposes of this section. “State forest land” is defined by listing all sixty state-owned forests.

Subd. 2 [Reforestation] appropriates \$18,000,000 in general obligation bond proceeds to the commissioner of natural resources for reforestation on state forest lands, as “state forest lands” is defined in the bill to include all 60 of the state’s forests, listed in subdivision 1.

Of this amount, \$8,000,000 is designated to be used for forest stand improvements and management and treatment of emerald ash borer and spruce budworm on forest land as defined in section 88.01 to be:

- 1) land that is at least ten percent stocked by trees of any size and capable of producing timber, or of exerting an influence on the climate or on the water regime;
- 2) land from which trees capable of producing timber have been removed to less than ten percent stocking and which has not been developed for other use; and
- 3) afforested areas, meaning areas where forests have been planted.

Subd. 3 [Bond sale] authorizes the sale and issuance of state bonds to provide the proceeds appropriated in subdivision 2.

