

CHAPTER 175—H.F.No. 3039

An act relating to natural resources; providing for extension of timber permits in the event of adverse surface conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 90.041, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 90.041, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. **Adverse surface conditions.** The commissioner may declare an emergency in the event of widespread abnormal surface conditions that prevent the proper and timely harvest of existing permits for standing timber. In the event of an emergency declaration, the commissioner may grant extensions, without penalty or interest, and may modify the terms and conditions of existing permits for standing timber to allow for the harvest of the standing timber in an environmentally sound manner under favorable surface conditions.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 3, 2006

Signed by the governor April 5, 2006, 9:05 a.m.