

Subject Boathouse Leases

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Summary

This bill would allow the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to sell or lease, under general state lease requirements, land after the expiration of certain boathouse leases. The boathouse leases originated when lands subject to existing boathouse leases were conveyed to the state by the United States Steel Corporation. Under current law, when these leases expire, the DNR is required to offer a new lease to the party in possession of the lease, and the leases are subject to certain provisions, including requiring the leases to be issued for the lifetime of the party issued the lease, allowing the lease to be transferred once to a person within the third degree of kindred or to a first cousin, and prohibiting the leases from exceeding 50 percent of the average market rate.