Overview

Provides a process to removed sunken logs that may be valuable from inland waters.

1  **Recovery of sunken logs on inland waters.**
   **Subd. 1.** Contains various definitions.
   **Subd. 2.** States that title to sunken logs resting underwater for more than one year is abandoned property forfeited to the state.
   **Subd. 3.** Provides a process to apply to the Commissioner of Natural Resources for a lease to raise sunken logs. A fee of $500 is involved for a resident, $2,500 for a nonresident, and an adequate insurance policy is required.
   **Subd. 4.** States the criteria under which the Commissioner reviews the applications.
   **Subd. 5.** Provides the lease terms, including lasting three years, starting recovery within one year of lease date, recovering at a water depth of 20 feet or more only, using a winching method, stumpage prices to be paid, using certified divers, and notifying the Historical Society.
   **Subd. 6.** Deposits revenue earned by the state: application fees to general fund; lease proceeds to game and fish fund, except for leases on school fund lands must go to permanent school fund.
   **Subd. 7.** Prescribes penalties making violation a trespass, subject to a gross misdemeanor, and possible loss of lease for subsequent offenses.

2  **Report.** Requires a report to the legislature, including a fiscal note, on this bill's implementation.

3  **Repealer.** Repeals the statute which requires submerged logs to be scaled and marked, as it would be outdated.