## NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT) Act 451 of 1994

## 324.2104 Exchange of lands; authorization; refund of application fee; approval or denial of application; application fee.

Sec. 2104. (1) Any of the lands under the control of the department, the title to which is in this state, and which may be sold and conveyed may be exchanged for lands of equal area or approximately equal value belonging to the United States or owned by private individuals if it is in the interest of this state to do so.

- (2) If the department charged an application fee for a proposed sale of land under this part and the state land proposed for sale is instead sold to another party within 3 years after the date a completed application was received by the department from the prior applicant, the department shall refund the application fee in full to the prior applicant if the prior applicant has informed the department of his or her current address.
- (3) Effective 60 days after the department receives an application from a private individual to exchange that individual's land for surplus state land, the application shall be considered to be complete unless the department proceeds as provided under subsection (4).
- (4) If, before the expiration of the 60-day period under subsection (3), the department notifies the applicant, in writing, that the application is not complete, specifying the information necessary to make the application complete, or that the fee required under subsection (6) has not been paid, specifying the amount due, the running of the 60-day period under subsection (3) is tolled until the applicant submits to the department the specified information or fee amount due, at which time the application shall be considered to be complete.
- (5) Within 210 days after the application is complete, or a later date agreed to by the applicant and the department, the department shall approve or deny the application and notify the applicant in writing. If the department denies the application, the notice shall set forth the specific reasons for the denial.
- (6) The department shall charge a fee for an application for the exchange of state land. The fee shall be \$300.00 plus, if the state land is more than 300 acres in size, the actual reasonable cost of processing the application.

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