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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1618

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; reinstating the five-year moratorium on wolf
1.3 hunting; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.645, subdivision 9.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.645, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 9. **Open season; moratorium.** There shall be no open season for wolves for
1.7 a five-year period until after the wolf is delisted under the federal Endangered Species Act
1.8 of 1973. After that time, the commissioner may prescribe open seasons and restrictions
1.9 for taking wolves but only if population management is deemed necessary and other
1.10 means for controlling the wolf population are explored. The commissioner must provide
1.11 opportunity for public comment.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.