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State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION**

**H. F. No. 2247**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; allowing the use of night vision equipment while taking  
1.3 coyotes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97B.086.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97B.086, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.086 POSSESSION OF NIGHT VISION EQUIPMENT.**

1.7 (a) A person may not possess night vision equipment while taking wild animals or  
1.8 while having in possession, either individually or as one of a group of persons, a firearm,  
1.9 bow, or other implement that could be used to take wild animals.

1.10 (b) This section does not apply to a firearm that is:

1.11 (1) unloaded;

1.12 (2) in a gun case expressly made to contain a firearm that fully encloses the firearm  
1.13 by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened without any portion of  
1.14 the firearm exposed; and

1.15 (3) in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle.

1.16 (c) This section does not apply to a bow that is:

1.17 (1) completely encased or unstrung; and

1.18 (2) in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle.

1.19 (d) If the motor vehicle under paragraph (b) or (c) does not have a trunk, the firearm  
1.20 or bow must be placed in the rearmost location of the vehicle.

1.21 (e) This section does not apply to night vision equipment possessed by peace officers  
1.22 or military personnel while exercising their duties.

1.23 (f) This section does not apply to a night vision scope possessed by a person legally  
1.24 taking a coyote by firearm if the night vision scope does not emit light.