

State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3788

04/01/2016 Authored by Nornes

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 game and fish; allowing hunters with a disability to hunt with laser
1.3 sights; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section
1.4 97B.081, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.081, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Hunting with a laser sight by hunters with a disability.** (a) The
1.9 commissioner may issue a special permit, without a fee, to discharge a firearm with a laser
1.10 sight to a person who obtains the required licenses and who has a permanent physical
1.11 disability that prohibits the person from raising the person's arms to shoulder height.

1.12 (b) The permanent physical disability must be established by medical evidence
1.13 verified in writing by a licensed physician, chiropractor, or certified nurse practitioner
1.14 or certified physician assistant acting under the direction of a licensed physician. The
1.15 commissioner may request additional information from the physician or chiropractor
1.16 if needed to verify the applicant's eligibility for the permit. Notwithstanding section
1.17 97A.418, the commissioner may, in consultation with appropriate advocacy groups,
1.18 establish reasonable minimum standards for permits to be issued under this section.

1.19 (c) A permit issued under this subdivision is valid for five years.

1.20 (d) The commissioner may deny, modify, suspend, or revoke a permit issued under
1.21 this section for cause, including a violation of the game and fish laws or rules.

1.22 (e) A person who knowingly makes a false application or assists another in making a
1.23 false application for a permit under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. A physician,
1.24 certified nurse practitioner, certified physician assistant, or chiropractor who fraudulently

2.1 certifies to the commissioner that a person is permanently disabled as described in this
2.2 section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

2.3 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), the commissioner may issue a permit valid for
2.4 the entire life of the applicant if the commissioner determines that there is no chance
2.5 that an applicant will become ineligible for a permit under this section and the applicant
2.6 requests a lifetime permit.