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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2631

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; prohibiting Department of Natural Resources' pilots
1.3 from flying close to hunters, trappers, or anglers; establishing civil penalties;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[97A.0375] HUNTER, TRAPPER, AND ANGLER HARASSMENT**
1.7 **BY AIR PROHIBITED.**

1.8 No aircraft pilot employed or contracted by the commissioner of natural resources
1.9 shall fly less than 1,000 feet above a hunter, trapper, or angler unless probable cause
1.10 of a violation of the law by the hunter, trapper, or angler has been documented.

1.11 Notwithstanding section 3.736, subdivision 9 or 9a, a person found in violation of this
1.12 section is personally liable for a civil penalty of \$1,000.