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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **74**

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

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying muzzleloader provisions; amending Minnesota
- 1.3 Statutes 2020, sections 97A.015, subdivision 51; 97B.031, subdivision 1.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97A.015, subdivision 51, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 51. **Unloaded.** "Unloaded" means, with reference to a firearm, without ammunition
- 1.7 in the barrels and magazine, if the magazine is in the firearm. A muzzle-loading firearm
- 1.8 ~~with~~ is unloaded if:
- 1.9 (1) for a flintlock ignition is unloaded if, it does not have priming powder in a pan. A
- 1.10 ~~muzzle-loading firearm with;~~
- 1.11 (2) for a percussion ignition is unloaded if, it does not have a percussion cap on a nipple;
- 1.12 (3) for an electronic ignition system, the battery is removed and is disconnected from
- 1.13 the firearm; and
- 1.14 (4) for an encapsulated powder charge ignition system, the primer and powder charge
- 1.15 are removed from the firearm.
- 1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.031, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.17 Subdivision 1. **Permissible firearms and ammunition; big game and wolves.** A person
- 1.18 may take big game and wolves with a firearm only if:
- 1.19 (1) the any rifle, shotgun, and or handgun used is a caliber of at least .22 inches and with
- 1.20 has centerfire ignition;

- 2.1 (2) the firearm is loaded only with single projectile ammunition;
- 2.2 (3) a projectile used is a caliber of at least .22 inches and has a soft point or is an
- 2.3 expanding bullet type;
- 2.4 (4) ~~the~~ any muzzleloader used ~~is incapable of being~~ has the projectile loaded only at the
- 2.5 ~~breech~~ muzzle;
- 2.6 (5) ~~the~~ any smooth-bore muzzleloader used is a caliber of at least .45 inches; and
- 2.7 (6) ~~the~~ any rifled muzzleloader used is a caliber of at least .40 inches.