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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **366**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; prohibiting use of unmanned aircraft systems to take,  
1.3 harm, or harass wild animals; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 97A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[97A.036] USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS TO TAKE WILD**  
1.7 **ANIMALS PROHIBITED.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.9 (b) "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of  
1.10 direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

1.11 (c) "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned aircraft and associated elements,  
1.12 including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft, that  
1.13 are required for the pilot in command to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace  
1.14 system.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** A person may not use an unmanned aircraft system to take, harm,  
1.16 or harass a wild animal.