

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying bear baiting restrictions; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.425.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.425, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.425 BAITING BEARS.**

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding section 609.68, a person may place bait to take bear and must
1.8 display a tag at each site where bait is placed and register the sites. The commissioner
1.9 shall prescribe the method of tagging and registering the sites. To attract bear a person
1.10 may not use a bait with:

1.11 (1) a carcass from a mammal, if the carcass contains more than 25 percent of the
1.12 intact carcass;

1.13 (2) meat from mammals, if the meat contains bones;

1.14 (3) bones of mammals;

1.15 (4) solid waste containing bottles, cans, plastic, paper, or metal;

1.16 (5) materials that are not readily biodegradable; or

1.17 (6) any part of a swine, except cured pork.

1.18 (b) Notwithstanding the restrictions in paragraph (a), a person may place bait within
1.19 a reusable metal container to take bear. The metal container must be:

1.20 (1) designed to restrict other scavenging animals from taking the bait at night; and

1.21 (2) removed from the site by the end of the bear season.