

A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; modifying enforcement provisions; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 299C.40, subdivision 1; 609.66, subdivision
1h.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 299C.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

(b) "CIBRS" means the Comprehensive Incident-Based Reporting System, located
in the Department of Public Safety and managed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.
A reference in this section to "CIBRS" includes the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

(c) "Law enforcement agency" means a Minnesota municipal police department,
the Metropolitan Transit Police, the Metropolitan Airports Police, the University of
Minnesota Police Department, the Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit,
a Minnesota county sheriff's department, the Enforcement Division of the Department of
Natural Resources, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, or the Minnesota State Patrol.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 609.66, subdivision 1h, is amended to read:

Subd. 1h. **Silencers; authorized for law enforcement and wildlife control
purposes.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1a, paragraph (a), clause (1), licensed peace
officers may use devices designed to silence or muffle the discharge of a firearm for
tactical emergency response operations. Tactical emergency response operations include
execution of high risk search and arrest warrants, incidents of terrorism, hostage rescue,
and any other tactical deployments involving high risk circumstances. The chief law

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enforcement officer of a law enforcement agency that has the need to use silencing devices must establish and enforce a written policy governing the use of the devices.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision 1a, paragraph (a), clause (1), ~~until July 1, 2011,~~ an enforcement officer, as defined in section 97A.015, subdivision 18, a wildlife area manager, an employee designated under section 84.0835, or a person acting under contract with the commissioner of natural resources, at specific times and locations that are authorized by the commissioner of natural resources may use devices designed to silence or muffle the discharge of a firearm for wildlife control operations that require stealth. If the commissioner determines that the use of silencing devices is necessary under this paragraph, the commissioner must:

~~(1) establish and enforce a written policy governing the use, possession, and transportation of the devices;~~

~~(2) limit the number of the silencing devices maintained by the Department of Natural Resources to no more than ten; and~~

~~(3) keep direct custody and control of the devices when the devices are not specifically authorized for use.~~