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EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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A bill for an act

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relating to game and fish; modifying body-gripping trap restrictions; proposing

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coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97B; repealing Minnesota

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Statutes 2012, section 97B.903.

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

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Section 1. **[97B.929] BODY-GRIPPING TRAPS.**

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A person may not set a body-gripping trap, unless the trap is:

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(1) at least five feet above the ground;

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(2) placed in a manner that the trap will protect domestic dogs from inadvertent

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taking, as provided in rules of the commissioner; or

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(3) a water-set trap that is completely submerged in public waters, streams, or

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wetlands.

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Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

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Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.903, is repealed.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 13-1301

97B.903 USE OF BODY-GRIPPING TRAPS.

A person may not set, place, or operate, except as a waterset, a body-gripping or conibear-type trap on public lands and waters that has a maximum jaw opening when set greater than 6-1/2 inches and less than 7-1/2 inches measured from the inside edges of the body-gripping portions of the jaws, unless:

- (1) the trap is in a baited or unbaited enclosure and the trap trigger is recessed seven inches or more from the top and frontmost portion of the open end of the enclosure;
- (2) no bait, lure, or other attractant is placed within 20 feet of the trap; or
- (3) the trap is elevated at least three feet above the surface of the ground or snowpack.