

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 1251

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| DATE | D-PG | OFFICIAL STATUS |
|------------|-------|--|
| 02/10/2025 | 344 | Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy |
| 02/24/2025 | 492 | Author added Eichorn |
| 03/24/2025 | 1026 | Author stricken Eichorn |
| 02/23/2026 | 6378 | Author added Drazkowski |
| 03/02/2026 | 6428a | Comm report: To pass as amended |
| | 6446 | Second reading |
| | 6461 | Author added Hoffman |
| 04/09/2026 | 7947 | Special Order: Amended |
| | 7948 | Third reading Passed as amended |
| 04/28/2026 | 9187 | Returned from House |
| | | Presentment date 05/04/2026 |
| | 9976 | Governor's action Approval 05/05/26 |
| | 9976 | Secretary of State Chapter 64 05/05/26 |
| | | Effective date 05/06/2026 |

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to game and fish; removing expiration of crossbow hunting and fishing

1.3 allowance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 97B.037.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 97B.037, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.037 CROSSBOW HUNTING AND FISHING.**

1.7 ~~(a)~~ Notwithstanding section 97B.035, subdivisions 1 and 2, a person may take deer,

1.8 bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish by crossbow during the respective regular

1.9 archery seasons. The transportation requirements of section 97B.051 apply to crossbows

1.10 during the regular archery deer, bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish season.

1.11 Crossbows must meet the requirements of section 97B.106, subdivision 2. A person taking

1.12 deer, bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish by crossbow under this section must

1.13 have a valid license to take the respective game.

1.14 ~~(b) This section expires June 30, 2026.~~

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.