

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

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.