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02/24/2025	481	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to game and fish; prohibiting sale, manufacture, and use of lead tackle;

1.3proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 97C; 325E.

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

1.5Section 1. 97C.326] LEAD TACKLE.

1.6Subdivision 1. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the

1.7meanings given:

1.8(1) "jig" means a weighted hook. Jig does not include lead fishing-related items, including

1.9but not limited to fishing line, flies, lures, or spoons; and

1.10(2) "sinker" means a device that is designed to be attached to a fishing line and intended

1.11to sink the line. Sinker does not include artificial lures, weighted line, weighted flies, or jig

1.12heads.

1.13Subd. 2. Prohibition. A person may not use a sinker or jig to take fish if the sinker or

1.14jig contains lead and:

1.15(1) weighs one ounce or less; or

1.16(2) measures 2-1/2 inches or less in length.

1.17EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2027.

1.18Sec. 2. 325E.3895] LEAD TACKLE.

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2.6 Subd. 2. **Manufacture prohibited.** A person may not manufacture for sale in Minnesota
2.7 a sinker or jig that contains lead and:

2.8 (1) weighs one ounce or less; or

2.9 (2) measures 2-1/2 inches or less in length.

2.10 Subd. 3. **Sale prohibited.** A person may not offer for sale or sell any sinker or jig if it
2.11 contains lead and:

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