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02/24/2025	485	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

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A bill for an act

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relating to game and fish; authorizing the taking of elk causing damage without a

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permit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.655, subdivisions 1, 2.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.655, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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Subdivision 1. **Owners and occupants may take certain animals.** (a) A person or the

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person's agent may take bats, snakes, salamanders, lizards, weasel, mink, squirrel, rabbit,

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hare, raccoon, bobcat, fox, opossum, muskrat, elk, or beaver on land owned or occupied by

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the person where the animal is causing damage. The person or the person's agent may take

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the animal without a license and in any manner except by artificial lights in the closed season

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or by poison. Raccoons may be taken under this subdivision with artificial lights during

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open season.

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(b) Any traps used under this subdivision must be tagged as required under section

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97B.928 if placed by an agent of the landowner or occupant.

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(c) A person or the person's agent who kills mink, raccoon, bobcat, fox, opossum,

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muskrat, elk, or beaver under this subdivision must notify a conservation officer or employee

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of the Fish and Wildlife Division within 24 hours after the animal is killed.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.655, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **Special permit for taking protected wild animals.** (a) The commissioner may

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issue special permits under section 97A.401, subdivision 5, to take protected wild animals

- 2.1 that are damaging property or to remove or destroy their dens, nests, or houses.
- 2.2 Notwithstanding section 97A.401, a permit is not required to take elk under subdivision 1.
- 2.3 (b) Removing or destroying a beaver dam associated with beavers causing damage must
- 2.4 be according to section 97B.665.