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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1070

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; restricting use of body-gripping traps near public roads  
1.3 and trails; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.903.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.903, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.903 USE OF BODY-GRIPPING TRAPS.**

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

1.11 (1) the trap is in a baited or unbaited enclosure and the trap trigger is recessed seven  
1.12 inches or more from the top and frontmost portion of the open end of the enclosure;

1.13 (2) no bait, lure, or other attractant is placed within 20 feet of the trap; or

1.14 (3) the trap is elevated at least three feet above the surface of the ground or snowpack.

1.15 (b) A person may not set, place, or operate a body-gripping trap, except as a  
1.16 waterset, within 150 feet of the center line of a public road or public trail.