

A bill for an act

relating to game and fish; removing bow and gun case requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97A.091, subdivision 1; 97B.036; 97B.045, subdivision 1; 97B.051; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97B.035, subdivision 2; 97B.045, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.091, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Hunting and possession of firearms.** Except as provided in subdivision 2, a person may not take a wild animal, except fish, within a state game refuge. ~~A person may not carry within a refuge:~~

~~(1) a firearm unless the firearm is unloaded and contained in a case, or unloaded and broken down; or~~

~~(2) an uncased bow.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.036, is amended to read:

97B.036 CROSSBOW HUNTING DURING FIREARMS SEASON.

Notwithstanding section 97B.035, ~~subdivisions~~ subdivision 1 and 2, a person may take deer, bear, or turkey by crossbow during the respective regular firearms seasons. ~~The transportation requirements of section 97B.051 apply to crossbows during the regular firearms deer, bear, or turkey season.~~ Crossbows must meet the requirements of section 97B.106, subdivision 2. A person taking deer, bear, or turkey by crossbow under this section must have a valid firearms license to take the respective game.

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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.045, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. ~~Restrictions~~ **Transportation of a firearm.** A person who may legally possess a firearm may not transport a firearm in a motor vehicle unless the firearm is:

~~(1) unloaded and in a gun case expressly made to contain a firearm, and the case fully encloses the firearm by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, and without any portion of the firearm exposed;~~

~~(2) unloaded and in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle; or~~

~~(3) a handgun carried in compliance with sections 624.714 and 624.715 without the firearm being encased, unloaded, or in the trunk of the vehicle unless prohibited under section 97B.081 or 97B.086.~~

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.051, is amended to read:

97B.051 TRANSPORTATION OF ARCHERY BOWS.

~~Except as specified under section 97B.055, subdivision 2,~~ A person who may legally possess an archery bow may not transport an archery bow in a motor vehicle unless the bow is:

~~(1) unstrung;~~

~~(2) completely contained in a case; or~~

~~(3) in the closed trunk or rear-most enclosed portion of a motor vehicle that is not accessible from the passenger compartment without the bow being encased, unstrung, or in the trunk of the vehicle unless prohibited under section 97B.081 or 97B.086.~~

Sec. 5. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97B.035, subdivision 2; and 97B.045, subdivision 2, are repealed.