A bill for an act

relating to game and fish; permitting a deer killed by a motor vehicle to be kept by the driver; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.502.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.502, is amended to read:

97A.502 DEER KILLED BY MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) Deer killed by a motor vehicle on a public road must be removed by the road authority, as defined by section 160.02, subdivision 25, unless the driver of the motor vehicle is allowed to possess the deer under paragraph (b). The commissioner of natural resources must provide to all road authorities standard forms for statistical purposes and the tracking of wild animals.

(b) The driver of a motor vehicle that has collided with and killed a deer on a public road has priority in possessing the entire deer if the facts at the collision scene indicate that the deer was not taken illegally.