

A bill for an act
relating to game and fish; modifying provisions for using artificial lights to locate
animals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.081, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.081, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Without firearms.** (a) ~~Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.~~
From September 1 to December 31, a person may not cast the rays of a spotlight,
headlight, or other artificial light in a field, woodland, or forest to spot, locate, or take a
wild animal except to take raccoons under section 97B.621, subdivision 3, or to tend traps
under section 97B.931.

(b) Between one-half hour after sunset until sunrise, a person may not cast the rays
of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light to spot, locate, or take a wild animal on
fenced, agricultural land containing livestock, as defined in section 17A.03, subdivision 5,
or poultry that is marked with signs prohibiting the shining of lights. The signs must:

(1) display reflectorized letters that are at least two inches in height and state "no
shining" or similar terms; and

(2) be placed at intervals of 1,000 feet or less along the boundary of the area.

(c) It is not a violation of paragraph (a) or (b) for a person to carry out any
agricultural, occupational, or recreational practice, including snowmobiling that is not
related to spotting, locating, or taking a wild animal.

(d) Between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., a person may not project a
spotlight or handheld light onto residential property or building sites from a moving motor
vehicle being operated on land, except for the following purposes:

(1) safety;

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- 2.1 (2) emergency response;
- 2.2 (3) normal vehicle operations; or
- 2.3 (4) performing an occupational duty.