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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 944

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; prohibiting sale, manufacture, and use of lead tackle;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 97C; 325E.

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

1.5 Section 1. 97C.326] LEAD TACKLE.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
1.7 meanings given them:

1.8 (1) "jig" means a weighted hook. Jig does not include lead fishing-related items, including
1.9 but not limited to fishing line, flies, lures, or spoons; and

1.10 (2) "sinker" means a device that is designed to be attached to a fishing line and intended
1.11 to sink the line. Sinker does not include artificial lures, weighted line, weighted flies, or jig
1.12 heads.

1.13 Subd. 2. Prohibition. A person may not use a sinker or jig to take fish if the sinker or
1.14 jig contains lead and weighs one ounce or less or measures 2-1/2 inches or less in length.

1.15 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

1.16 Sec. 2. 325E.3895] LEAD TACKLE.

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2.2 to sink the line. Sinker does not include artificial lures, weighted line, weighted flies, or jig
2.3 heads.

2.4 Subd. 2. **Manufacture prohibited.** No person shall manufacture for sale in Minnesota
2.5 a sinker or jig that contains lead and weighs one ounce or less or measures 2-1/2 inches or
2.6 less in length.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Sales prohibited.** A person may not offer for sale or sell any sinker or jig if it
2.8 contains lead and weighs one ounce or less or measures 2-1/2 inches or less in length.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.