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STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION

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01/11/2023	139	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

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A bill for an act

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relating to game and fish; modifying trapping provisions; amending Minnesota

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Statutes 2022, sections 97B.931; 97B.945; proposing coding for new law in

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Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97B; repealing Minnesota Rules, part 6234.2400,

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subpart 10.

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

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Section 1. 97B.902] OPENING HOUR FOR TRAPPING SEASONS.

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A season for taking fur-bearing animals by trapping begins at sunrise on the opening

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day prescribed by rule adopted by the commissioner.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.931, is amended to read:

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97B.931 TENDING TRAPS.

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Subdivision 1. ~~Restrictions~~ Using lights to tend traps. ~~A person may not tend a trap~~

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~~set for wild animals between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.~~

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A person on foot may use a portable artificial light to tend traps. While using a light in the

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field, the person may not possess or use a firearm other than a handgun or rifle capable of

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firing only rimfire cartridges of .17 or .22 caliber including .22 magnum.

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Subd. 2. **Body-gripping traps.** A body-gripping, conibear-type trap need not be tended

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more frequently than once every third calendar day.

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Subd. 3. **Snares.** Snares that are not capable of drowning the captured animal need not

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be tended more frequently than once every third calendar day, and any animal captured

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must be removed from the snare.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.945, is amended to read:

2.2 **97B.945 SETTING TRAPS NEAR WATER RESTRICTED.**

2.3 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person may not set a trap within 50 feet of
2.4 any water other than temporary surface water within 30 days before the open season for
2.5 mink and muskrat without a special permit by the commissioner.

2.6 (b) A person may set a foot-encapsulating trap within 50 feet of any water other than
2.7 temporary surface water within 30 days before the open season for mink and muskrat without
2.8 a special permit by the commissioner. For purposes of this paragraph, "foot-encapsulating
2.9 trap" means a trap for which:

2.10 (1) the triggering and restraining mechanisms are enclosed within a housing and are
2.11 only accessible through a single opening when set; and

2.12 (2) the opening does not exceed two inches in diameter.

2.13 Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

2.14 Minnesota Rules, part 6234.2400, subpart 10, is repealed.

6234.2400 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.

Subp. 10. **Tending snares.** All snares not capable of drowning the captured animal must be tended at least once each calendar day and any animal captured must be removed from the snare.