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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2819

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; allowing the use of night vision equipment when  
1.3 hunting predators; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.086.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.086, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.086 POSSESSION OF NIGHT VISION OR THERMAL IMAGING**  
1.7 **EQUIPMENT.**

1.8 (a) A person may not possess night vision or thermal imaging equipment while  
1.9 taking wild animals or while having in possession, either individually or as one of a group  
1.10 of persons, a firearm, bow, or other implement that could be used to take wild animals.

1.11 (b) This section does not apply to a firearm that is:

1.12 (1) unloaded;

1.13 (2) in a gun case expressly made to contain a firearm that fully encloses the firearm  
1.14 by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened without any portion of  
1.15 the firearm exposed; and

1.16 (3) in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle.

1.17 (c) This section does not apply to a bow that is:

1.18 (1) completely encased or unstrung; and

1.19 (2) in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle.

1.20 (d) If the motor vehicle under paragraph (b) or (c) does not have a trunk, the firearm  
1.21 or bow must be placed in the rearmost location of the vehicle.

1.22 (e) This section does not apply to night vision or thermal imaging equipment  
1.23 possessed by peace officers or military personnel while exercising their duties.

1.24 (f) This section does not apply to a person legally taking a predator.