

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H. F. No. 2852

1.2 A bill for an act  
1.3 relating to natural resources; modifying game and fish laws; modifying use of  
1.4 vehicles for hunting; modifying oversight committee provisions; modifying  
1.5 provisions for wildlife management areas; modifying license provisions and  
1.6 fees; modifying invasive species provisions; providing for certain grants;  
1.7 requiring development of certain master plan; modifying provisions for taking  
1.8 wild animals; authorizing nonlethal hazing of Canada geese; modifying  
1.9 disability-related angling and hunting licenses and special permit provisions;  
1.10 providing for designations on driver's license and Minnesota identification  
1.11 card; updating and eliminating certain obsolete language; modifying prior  
1.12 appropriations; requiring issuance of general permit; requiring a report; requiring  
1.13 rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 84.154, subdivisions 1,  
1.14 2, 3; 84.777, subdivision 2; 84.87, by adding a subdivision; 84.944, subdivision  
1.15 2; 84A.10; 84A.50; 84D.01, subdivision 8b; 97A.025; 97A.055, subdivision 4b;  
1.16 97A.131; 97A.137, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 97A.311, subdivision  
1.17 5, by adding a subdivision; 97A.434, subdivision 1; 97A.441, subdivisions  
1.18 1, 5; 97A.473, subdivisions 2a, 2b, 5, 5a; 97A.502; 97B.031, subdivision 5;  
1.19 97B.081, subdivision 3; 97B.086; 97B.095; 97B.111, subdivision 1; 97B.516;  
1.20 97B.605; 97B.646; 97B.655, subdivision 1; 97B.667, subdivisions 3, 4; 97B.731,  
1.21 subdivision 1; 97C.821; 171.07, subdivision 15, by adding a subdivision;  
1.22 Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, sections 97A.441, subdivisions 6, 6a;  
1.23 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 3; 97A.485, subdivision 6; Laws 2008, chapter 363,  
1.24 article 5, section 4, subdivision 7, as amended; proposing coding for new law in  
1.25 Minnesota Statutes, chapters 87A; 97B; 97C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2012,  
1.26 sections 84.154, subdivision 5; 84A.04; 84A.08; 84A.11; 97A.081; 97A.083;  
1.27 97A.445, subdivision 3; 97A.4742, subdivision 3; 97B.061; 97B.611; 97B.615;  
1.28 97B.621, subdivisions 1, 4; 97B.625; 97B.631; 97B.635; 97B.711; 97B.715,  
1.29 subdivision 2; 97B.803; 97B.911; 97B.915; 97B.921; 97B.925; 97C.011;  
1.30 97C.827; Minnesota Rules, part 6100.5100.

1.31 May 13, 2014

1.32 The Honorable Paul Thissen  
1.33 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.34 The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas  
1.35 President of the Senate

1.36 We, the undersigned conferees for H. F. No. 2852 report that we have agreed upon  
1.37 the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.38 That the Senate recede from its amendments and that H. F. No. 2852 be further  
1.39 amended as follows:

2.1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2.2 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.154, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.3 Subdivision 1. **Conservation project.** The commissioner is hereby authorized, with  
2.4 the approval of the Executive Council, and on such terms as may be deemed advantageous  
2.5 to the state, to sell and convey to the United States the fee title, free from any mineral  
2.6 reservation, of lands acquired by the state for the Lac qui Parle River water control project  
2.7 upon which dams and appurtenant structures have been or may be constructed and such  
2.8 rights-of-way as may be required by the United States to provide access thereto for the  
2.9 purposes of construction, maintenance and operation, and to grant, sell and convey either  
2.10 such fee title to, or flowage rights over, all lands acquired for the project on and above Lac  
2.11 qui Parle Lake which lie below the 935.7 foot elevation on project datum, and to grant,  
2.12 sell and convey flowage rights only over all lands so acquired on or above Marsh Lake  
2.13 which lie below the 939.5 foot elevation on project datum and over all of such lands  
2.14 on and above either of these lakes which lie above such elevations, and to lease to any  
2.15 appropriate agency of the United States for conservation purposes, subject to such flowage  
2.16 rights, any of such lands the ownership of which is retained by the state, or to enter into a  
2.17 cooperative agreement with any such agency for the development and management of  
2.18 any wild life or other conservation activity thereon; provided, that no such conveyance or  
2.19 agreement shall waive any claim of the state for reimbursement from the United States  
2.20 ~~under the Flood Control Act of June 28, 1938, and any amendments thereof.~~ Each such  
2.21 lease for conservation purposes and each such cooperative agreement for the development  
2.22 and management of wild life or other conservation activity on such lands shall contain  
2.23 specific conditions reserving to the public during all open seasons for hunting wild  
2.24 waterfowl at least 40 percent of the area of these lands suitable for hunting waterfowl as  
2.25 public shooting grounds.

2.26 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.154, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.27 Subd. 2. **Commissioner may complete Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Lake**  
2.28 **projects.** ~~Inasmuch as the cessation of the work relief program of the federal government~~  
2.29 ~~and the entry of the United States into the present war prevented completion of certain~~  
2.30 ~~contemplated features of the Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Lake water control projects~~  
2.31 ~~heretofore undertaken by the Executive Council, in cooperation with federal agencies,~~  
2.32 ~~and it is desirable that such projects be completed in order to secure effective control and~~  
2.33 ~~utilization of the waters affected for the purposes of prevention and control of floods,~~  
2.34 ~~water conservation, improvement of conditions for game and fish, and other authorized~~  
2.35 ~~public uses,~~ The commissioner of natural resources is authorized to construct all works

3.1 and improvements pertaining or incidental to said projects which the commissioner deems  
3.2 necessary for such purposes, and to maintain and operate the same so far as not transferred  
3.3 to the United States pursuant to law.

3.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.154, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.5 Subd. 3. **Powers of commissioner.** The commissioner of natural resources may  
3.6 use for any project herein authorized any land of the state under the commissioner's  
3.7 jurisdiction or control so far as is not inconsistent with the laws governing the same,  
3.8 may acquire by purchase, gift, or condemnation any additional lands or interests in lands  
3.9 required for such projects, including lands or interests in adjacent states if authorized by  
3.10 the laws thereof, may accept gifts or grants of money or property from the United States or  
3.11 any other source for such projects, may use and apply any money or property so received  
3.12 in accordance with the terms of the gift or grant so far as is not inconsistent with the  
3.13 provisions of this section or other laws, may act in behalf of the state as sponsor for any  
3.14 such project undertaken or authorized by the United States, may make any sponsor's  
3.15 contributions required for any such project ~~out of money appropriated by Laws 1943,~~  
3.16 ~~chapter 476, or otherwise made available therefor,~~ and may cooperate with the United  
3.17 States or any adjacent state or any authorized agency of either in constructing, maintaining  
3.18 and operating any such project upon such terms and conditions as the commissioner may  
3.19 deem proper not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

3.20 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.777, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.21 Subd. 2. **Off-highway vehicle and snowmobile seasonal restrictions.** (a)  
3.22 Except for designated forest roads, a person must not operate an off-highway vehicle or  
3.23 snowmobile on state forest lands during the firearms deer hunting season in areas of the  
3.24 state where deer may be taken by rifle. This paragraph does not apply to a person in  
3.25 possession of a valid deer hunting license operating an off-highway vehicle or snowmobile  
3.26 before or after legal shooting hours or from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

3.27 (b) The commissioner may designate and post winter trails on state forest lands  
3.28 for use by off-highway vehicles.

3.29 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, "state forest lands" means forest lands under  
3.30 the authority of the commissioner as defined in section 89.001, subdivision 13, and lands  
3.31 managed by the commissioner under section 282.011.

3.32 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.87, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
3.33 read:

4.1            Subd. 5. **Snowmobile operation during the firearms deer season.** Snowmobile  
4.2 operation during the firearms deer hunting season is restricted as provided in section  
4.3 84.777, subdivision 2, and rules adopted by the commissioner.

4.4            Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.92, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

4.5            Subd. 8. **All-terrain vehicle or vehicle.** "All-terrain vehicle" or "vehicle" means a  
4.6 motorized ~~floatation-tired~~ vehicle of not less than three ~~low pressure~~ tires, but not more  
4.7 than six low pressure or non-pneumatic tires, that is limited in engine displacement of  
4.8 less than 1,000 cubic centimeters and includes a class 1 all-terrain vehicle and class 2  
4.9 all-terrain vehicle.

4.10          Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.92, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

4.11          Subd. 9. **Class 1 all-terrain vehicle.** "Class 1 all-terrain vehicle" means an  
4.12 all-terrain vehicle that has a total dry weight of less than ~~1,000~~ 1,200 pounds.

4.13          Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.92, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

4.14          Subd. 10. **Class 2 all-terrain vehicle.** "Class 2 all-terrain vehicle" means an  
4.15 all-terrain vehicle that has a total dry weight of ~~1,000~~ 1,200 to 1,800 pounds.

4.16          Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.944, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.17          Subd. 2. **Designation of acquired sites.** The critical natural habitat acquired in fee  
4.18 title by the commissioner under this section shall be designated by the commissioner as:  
4.19 (1) an outdoor recreation unit pursuant to section 86A.07, subdivision 3, or (2) as provided  
4.20 in sections 89.018, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), 97A.101, 97A.125, and 97C.001, ~~and~~  
4.21 ~~97C.011~~. The commissioner may so designate any critical natural habitat acquired in  
4.22 less than fee title.

4.23          Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84A.10, is amended to read:

4.24            **84A.10 EMINENT DOMAIN.**

4.25            The department has the power of eminent domain in chapter 117. The department  
4.26 may acquire, by eminent domain or by purchase, lands or interests in lands in the preserve  
4.27 that the department considers necessary for state ownership, use, or development for the  
4.28 purposes of sections 84A.01 to ~~84A.11~~ 84A.101. ~~No money shall be used to acquire the~~  
4.29 ~~lands or interests until the department determines that the money will not be required to~~  
4.30 ~~meet the requisitions of the counties authorized under section 84A.04, or for payment of~~  
4.31 ~~certificates of indebtedness and their interest.~~

5.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84A.50, is amended to read:

5.2 **84A.50 CERTAIN CERTIFICATES ACCEPTED AND VALIDATED.**

5.3 Certificates relating to bonds issued to finance or refinance public drainage ditches,  
5.4 the principal and interest of the bonds, the amount of money collected from drainage  
5.5 assessments and credited to ditches, and the amount of the deficit in the ditch fund made  
5.6 by a county auditor under section ~~84A.04~~, 84A.23, or 84A.33 to the commissioner of  
5.7 management and budget on which payment has been made by the state are accepted as  
5.8 correct and are validated.

5.9 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84D.01, subdivision 8b, is amended to read:

5.10 Subd. 8b. **Inspect.** "Inspect" means to examine water-related equipment to determine  
5.11 whether aquatic invasive species, aquatic macrophytes, or water is present and includes  
5.12 removal, drainage, decontamination, collection and sampling, or treatment to prevent the  
5.13 transportation and spread of aquatic invasive species, aquatic macrophytes, and water.

5.14 Sec. 13. **[87A.10] TRAP SHOOTING SPORTS FACILITY GRANTS.**

5.15 The commissioner of natural resources shall administer a program to provide  
5.16 cost-share grants to local recreational shooting clubs for up to 50 percent of the costs  
5.17 of developing or rehabilitating trap shooting sports facilities for public use. A facility  
5.18 rehabilitated or developed with a grant under this section must be open to the general  
5.19 public at reasonable times and for a reasonable fee on a walk-in basis. The commissioner  
5.20 shall give preference to projects that will provide the most opportunities for youth.

5.21 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.025, is amended to read:

5.22 **97A.025 OWNERSHIP OF WILD ANIMALS.**

5.23 The ownership of wild animals of the state is in the state, in its sovereign capacity  
5.24 for the benefit of all the people of the state. A person may not acquire a property right in  
5.25 wild animals, or destroy them, unless authorized under the game and fish laws, ~~sections~~  
5.26 ~~84.091 to 84.15~~, or sections 17.47 to 17.498.

5.27 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.055, subdivision 4b, is amended to read:

5.28 Subd. 4b. **Citizen oversight committees.** (a) The commissioner shall appoint  
5.29 committees of affected persons to review the reports prepared under subdivision 4; review  
5.30 the proposed work plans and budgets for the coming year; propose changes in policies,  
5.31 activities, and revenue enhancements or reductions; review other relevant information;

6.1 and make recommendations to the legislature and the commissioner for improvements in  
6.2 the management and use of money in the game and fish fund.

6.3 (b) The commissioner shall appoint the following committees, each comprised  
6.4 of at least ten affected persons:

6.5 (1) a Fisheries Oversight Committee to review fisheries funding and expenditures,  
6.6 including activities related to trout and salmon stamps and walleye stamps; and

6.7 (2) a Wildlife Oversight Committee to review wildlife funding and expenditures,  
6.8 including activities related to migratory waterfowl, pheasant, and wild turkey management  
6.9 and deer and big game management.

6.10 (c) The chairs of the Fisheries Oversight Committee and the Wildlife Oversight  
6.11 Committee, and four additional members from each committee, shall form a Budgetary  
6.12 Oversight Committee to coordinate the integration of the fisheries and wildlife oversight  
6.13 committee reports into an annual report to the legislature; recommend changes on a broad  
6.14 level in policies, activities, and revenue enhancements or reductions; and provide a forum  
6.15 to address issues that transcend the fisheries and wildlife oversight committees.

6.16 (d) The Budgetary Oversight Committee shall develop recommendations for a  
6.17 biennial budget plan and report for expenditures on game and fish activities. By August 15  
6.18 of each even-numbered year, the committee shall submit the budget plan recommendations  
6.19 to the commissioner and to the senate and house of representatives committees with  
6.20 jurisdiction over natural resources finance.

6.21 (e) The chairs of the Fisheries Oversight Committee and the Wildlife Oversight  
6.22 Committee shall be chosen by their respective committees. The chair of the Budgetary  
6.23 Oversight Committee shall be appointed by the commissioner and may not be the chair of  
6.24 either of the other oversight committees.

6.25 (f) The Budgetary Oversight Committee may make recommendations to the  
6.26 commissioner and to the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction  
6.27 over natural resources finance for outcome goals from expenditures.

6.28 (g) Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, or other law to the contrary, The  
6.29 committees authorized under this subdivision are not advisory councils or committees  
6.30 governed by section 15.059 and are not subject to section 15.059. Committee members  
6.31 appointed by the commissioner may request reimbursement for mileage expenses in  
6.32 the same manner and amount as authorized by the commissioner's plan adopted under  
6.33 section 43A.18, subdivision 2. Committee members must not receive daily compensation  
6.34 for oversight activities. The Fisheries Oversight Committee, the Wildlife Oversight  
6.35 Committee, and the Budgetary Oversight Committee ~~do not~~ expire ~~until~~ June 30, 2015.

7.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.131, is amended to read:

7.2 **97A.131 ~~GAME FARMS AND HATCHERIES.~~**

7.3 The commissioner may acquire property by gift, lease, purchase, or condemnation  
7.4 and may construct, maintain, operate, and alter facilities for ~~game farms and~~ hatcheries.

7.5 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.137, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

7.6 Subd. 3. **Use of motorized vehicles by disabled hunters.** The commissioner may  
7.7 issue a special permit, without a fee, authorizing a hunter with a permanent physical  
7.8 disability to use a snowmobile ~~or~~, highway-licensed vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or motor  
7.9 boat in wildlife management areas. To qualify for a permit under this subdivision, the  
7.10 disabled person must possess:

7.11 (1) the required hunting licenses; and

7.12 (2) a permit to shoot from a stationary vehicle under section 97B.055, subdivision 3.

7.13 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.137, is amended by adding a  
7.14 subdivision to read:

7.15 Subd. 6. **Crossing state lands.** (a) The commissioner may grant a permit to cross  
7.16 state lands within wildlife management areas for temporary right-of-way access to federal,  
7.17 county-managed, or privately owned lands for resource management purposes. A permit  
7.18 for crossing state lands within wildlife management areas is revocable at any time subject  
7.19 to conditions identified in the permit.

7.20 (b) The commissioner may grant a permit to a private landowner or leaseholder to  
7.21 cross state lands within wildlife management areas by motorized vehicle for temporary  
7.22 right-of-way access to a permit applicant's land, when it is the only reasonable access and  
7.23 is consistent with the maintenance and management of wildlife lands.

7.24 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.311, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

7.25 Subd. 5. **Refunds.** (a) The commissioner may issue a refund on a license, not  
7.26 including any issuing fees paid under section 97A.485, subdivision 6, if the request is  
7.27 received within 90 days of the original license purchase and:

7.28 (1) the licensee dies before the opening of the licensed season. The original license  
7.29 and a copy of the death certificate must be provided to the commissioner;

7.30 (2) the licensee is unable to participate in the licensed activity because the licensee is  
7.31 called to active military duty or military leave is canceled during the entire open season of  
7.32 the licensed activity. The original license and a copy of the military orders or notice of  
7.33 cancellation of leave must be provided to the commissioner;

8.1 (3) the licensee purchased two licenses for the same license season in error; ~~or~~  
8.2 (4) the licensee was not legally required to purchase the license to participate in  
8.3 the activity; or

8.4 (5) evidence is provided to the commissioner that demonstrates the license was  
8.5 issued incorrectly by the department or license agent.

8.6 (b) This subdivision does not apply to lifetime licenses.

8.7 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.311, is amended by adding a  
8.8 subdivision to read:

8.9 Subd. 6. **License corrections.** The commissioner may correct a license or license  
8.10 type and refund the difference or charge the difference of the corrected license fee if:

8.11 (1) the licensee provides evidence that the license was issued incorrectly by the  
8.12 department or license agent;

8.13 (2) the request is made within 30 days of the original license purchase;

8.14 (3) the season or license activities for the original license have not yet started at the  
8.15 time of the request; and

8.16 (4) the licensee is entitled to the corrected license.

8.17 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.405, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

8.18 Subd. 4a. **Replacement turkey licenses.** (a) The commissioner may permit licensed  
8.19 turkey hunters to change permit areas, licenses, or time periods within the fall turkey  
8.20 season, or within the spring turkey season. The commissioner may issue a replacement  
8.21 turkey license if the applicant submits the original turkey license and unused tags that are  
8.22 being replaced, and the applicant pays the fee for a replacement license under section  
8.23 97A.475, subdivision 44.

8.24 (b) A replacement turkey license may be issued only if the applicant has not used  
8.25 the tag from the original turkey license and meets the requirements of paragraph (c). The  
8.26 original turkey licenses and all unused tags for the turkey licenses being replaced must be  
8.27 submitted to the issuing agent at the time the replacement turkey license is issued.

8.28 (c) A turkey replacement license may be issued under the following conditions, or as  
8.29 otherwise prescribed by rule of the commissioner:

8.30 (1) when the permit area or time period for the turkey license being surrendered  
8.31 has not yet opened; and

8.32 (2) licenses are available for the replacement turkey license permit area or time  
8.33 period for (i) areas that are not lottery areas, (ii) lottery areas that have remaining licenses,  
8.34 or (iii) the applicant is a youth hunter age 17 or younger.



9.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.434, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

9.2 Subdivision 1. **Number of licenses to be issued.** If the commissioner establishes  
9.3 an open season for prairie chickens ~~under section 97B.711~~, the commissioner shall also  
9.4 determine, by rule, the number of licenses to be issued.

9.5 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.441, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

9.6 Subdivision 1. **Angling and spearing; disabled residents.** (a) A person authorized  
9.7 to issue licenses must issue, without a fee, licenses to take fish by angling or spearing shall  
9.8 be issued without a fee to a resident who is:

9.9 (1) blind;

9.10 (2) a recipient of supplemental security income for the aged, blind, and disabled;

9.11 (3) a recipient of Social Security aid to the disabled under United States Code, title  
9.12 42, section 416, paragraph (i)(l)<sub>2</sub> or section 423(d);

9.13 (4) a recipient of workers' compensation based on a finding of total and permanent  
9.14 disability; ~~or~~

9.15 (5) 65 years of age or older and was qualified under clause (2) or (3) at the age of 64; or

9.16 (6) permanently disabled and meets the disability requirements for Supplemental  
9.17 Security Income or Social Security aid to the disabled under United States Code, title 42,  
9.18 section 416, paragraph (i)(l), or section 423(d).

9.19 (b) A driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the applicable  
9.20 designation under section 171.07, subdivision 17, serves as satisfactory evidence to obtain  
9.21 a license under this subdivision at all agent locations.

9.22 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.441, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

9.23 Subd. 5. **Angling; disabled veterans.** (a) A person authorized to issue licenses  
9.24 must issue, without a fee, a permanent license to take fish by angling to a resident who  
9.25 is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, and that has a 100 percent service connected  
9.26 disability as defined by the United States Veterans Administration upon being furnished  
9.27 satisfactory evidence.

9.28 (b) A driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the designation under  
9.29 section 171.07, subdivision 15, paragraph (a), clause (2), serves as satisfactory evidence to  
9.30 obtain a license under this subdivision at all agent locations.

9.31 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 97A.441, subdivision 6, is  
9.32 amended to read:

10.1 Subd. 6. **Taking deer; disabled veterans.** (a) A person authorized to issue  
10.2 licenses must issue, without a fee, a license to take deer with firearms or by archery to a  
10.3 resident that is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, and that has a 100 percent service  
10.4 connected disability as defined by the United States Veterans Administration upon being  
10.5 furnished satisfactory evidence.

10.6 (b) The commissioner, upon request, must issue a permanent card documenting  
10.7 satisfactory evidence of 100 percent permanently disabled status.

10.8 (c) ~~The card serves~~ following serve as satisfactory evidence to obtain a license  
10.9 under this subdivision at all agent locations:

10.10 (1) a card issued under paragraph (b); or

10.11 (2) a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the designation under  
10.12 section 171.07, subdivision 15, paragraph (a), clause (2).

10.13 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 97A.441, subdivision 6a,  
10.14 is amended to read:

10.15 Subd. 6a. **Taking small game; disabled veterans.** (a) A person authorized to  
10.16 issue licenses must issue, without a fee, a license to take small game to a resident who is  
10.17 a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, and who has a 100 percent service connected  
10.18 disability as defined by the United States Veterans Administration upon being furnished  
10.19 satisfactory evidence.

10.20 (b) The commissioner, upon request, must issue a permanent card documenting  
10.21 satisfactory evidence of 100 percent permanently disabled status.

10.22 (c) ~~The card serves~~ following serve as satisfactory evidence to obtain a license  
10.23 under this subdivision at all agent locations:

10.24 (1) a card issued under paragraph (b); or

10.25 (2) a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the designation under  
10.26 section 171.07, subdivision 15, paragraph (a), clause (2).

10.27 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.473, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

10.28 Subd. 2a. **Lifetime spearing license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime spearing license  
10.29 authorizes a person to take fish by spearing in the state. The license authorizes those  
10.30 activities authorized by the annual resident spearing license.

10.31 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime spearing license are:

10.32 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$258~~ \$77;

10.33 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$320~~ \$106;

10.34 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$372~~ \$100; and

11.1 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$173~~ \$52.

11.2 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.473, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

11.3 Subd. 2b. **Lifetime angling and spearing license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime  
11.4 angling and spearing license authorizes a person to take fish by angling or spearing in the  
11.5 state. The license authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident angling  
11.6 and spearing licenses.

11.7 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime angling and spearing license are:

11.8 (1) age 3 and under, \$380;

11.9 (2) age 4 to age 15, \$509;

11.10 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$617~~ \$596; and

11.11 (4) age 51 and over, \$386.

11.12 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.473, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

11.13 Subd. 5. **Lifetime sporting license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime sporting license  
11.14 authorizes a person to take fish by angling and hunt and trap small game, other than  
11.15 wolves, in the state. The license authorizes those activities authorized by the annual  
11.16 resident angling and resident small game hunting licenses and the resident trapping license  
11.17 for fur-bearing animals other than wolves. The license does not include a trout and salmon  
11.18 stamp validation, a turkey stamp validation, a walleye stamp validation, or any other  
11.19 hunting stamps required by law.

11.20 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime sporting license are:

11.21 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$528~~ \$485;

11.22 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$728~~ \$659;

11.23 (3) age 16 to age 50, \$861; and

11.24 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$602~~ \$560.

11.25 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.473, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

11.26 Subd. 5a. **Lifetime sporting with spearing option license; fee.** (a) A resident  
11.27 lifetime sporting with spearing option license authorizes a person to take fish by angling  
11.28 or spearing and hunt and trap small game, other than wolves, in the state. The license  
11.29 authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident angling, spearing, and resident  
11.30 small game hunting licenses and the resident trapping license for fur-bearing animals other  
11.31 than wolves. The license does not include a trout and salmon stamp validation, a turkey  
11.32 stamp validation, a walleye stamp validation, or any other hunting stamps required by law.

11.33 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime sporting with spearing option license are:

- 12.1 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$615~~ \$562;
- 12.2 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$800~~ \$765;
- 12.3 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$985~~ \$961; and
- 12.4 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$586~~ \$612.

12.5 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 97A.475, subdivision 2, is  
12.6 amended to read:

12.7 Subd. 2. **Resident hunting.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents  
12.8 only, are:

- 12.9 (1) for persons age 18 or over and under age 65 to take small game, \$15.50;
- 12.10 (2) for persons age 65 or over, \$7 to take small game;
- 12.11 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take turkey, \$26;
- 12.12 (4) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, \$5;
- 12.13 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms  
12.14 season, \$30;
- 12.15 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, \$30;
- 12.16 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader  
12.17 season, \$30;
- 12.18 (8) to take moose, for a party of not more than six persons, \$356;
- 12.19 (9) for persons age 18 or over to take bear, \$44;
- 12.20 (10) to take elk, for a party of not more than two persons, \$287;
- 12.21 (11) to take Canada geese during a special season, \$4;
- 12.22 (12) to take prairie chickens, \$23;
- 12.23 (13) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during  
12.24 the regular firearms season, \$5;
- 12.25 (14) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, \$5;
- 12.26 (15) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by muzzleloader  
12.27 during the muzzleloader season, \$5;
- 12.28 (16) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take bear, no fee;
- 12.29 (17) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take bear, \$5;
- 12.30 ~~(16)~~ (18) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour  
12.31 period selected by the licensee, \$19, of which an amount equal to: one-half of the fee for  
12.32 the migratory waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the  
12.33 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half  
12.34 of the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in  
12.35 the pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and

13.1 one-half of the small game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited in the  
13.2 wildlife acquisition account;

13.3 ~~(17)~~ (19) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take small game, \$5;

13.4 ~~(18)~~ (20) to take wolf, \$30;

13.5 ~~(19)~~ (21) for persons age 12 and under to take turkey, no fee;

13.6 ~~(20)~~ (22) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by firearm, no fee;

13.7 ~~(21)~~ (23) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by archery, no fee; and

13.8 ~~(22)~~ (24) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by muzzleloader during the  
13.9 muzzleloader season, no fee.

13.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2014.

13.11 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 97A.475, subdivision 3, is  
13.12 amended to read:

13.13 Subd. 3. **Nonresident hunting.** (a) Fees for the following licenses, to be issued  
13.14 to nonresidents, are:

13.15 (1) for persons age 18 or over to take small game, \$90.50;

13.16 (2) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms  
13.17 season, \$160;

13.18 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, \$160;

13.19 (4) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader  
13.20 season, \$160;

13.21 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take bear, \$225;

13.22 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take turkey, \$91;

13.23 (7) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, \$5;

13.24 (8) to take raccoon or bobcat, \$178;

13.25 (9) to take Canada geese during a special season, \$4;

13.26 (10) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during  
13.27 the regular firearms season in any open season option or time period, \$5;

13.28 (11) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, \$5;

13.29 (12) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer during the muzzleloader  
13.30 season, \$5;

13.31 (13) for persons age 13 or over and under 18 to take bear, \$5;

13.32 (14) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period  
13.33 selected by the licensee, \$75, of which an amount equal to: one-half of the fee for the  
13.34 migratory waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the  
13.35 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half

14.1 of the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in  
14.2 the pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and  
14.3 one-half of the small game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited into the  
14.4 wildlife acquisition account;

14.5 ~~(14)~~ (15) for persons age 16 or 17 to take small game, \$5;

14.6 ~~(15)~~ (16) to take wolf, \$250;

14.7 ~~(16)~~ (17) for persons age 12 and under to take turkey, no fee;

14.8 ~~(17)~~ (18) for persons age ten, 11, or 12 to take deer by firearm, no fee;

14.9 ~~(18)~~ (19) for persons age ten, 11, or 12 to take deer by archery, no fee; and

14.10 ~~(19)~~ (20) for persons age ten, 11, or 12 to take deer by muzzleloader during the  
14.11 muzzleloader season, no fee; and

14.12 (21) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take bear, no fee.

14.13 (b) A \$5 surcharge shall be added to nonresident hunting licenses issued under  
14.14 paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (6) and (8). An additional commission may not be assessed  
14.15 on this surcharge.

14.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2014.

14.17 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 97A.485, subdivision 6, is  
14.18 amended to read:

14.19 Subd. 6. **Licenses to be sold and issuing fees.** (a) Persons authorized to sell  
14.20 licenses under this section must issue the following licenses for the license fee and the  
14.21 following issuing fees:

14.22 (1) to take deer or bear with firearms and by archery, the issuing fee is \$1;

14.23 (2) Minnesota sporting, the issuing fee is \$1;

14.24 (3) to take small game, to take fish by angling or by spearing, and to trap fur-bearing  
14.25 animals, the issuing fee is \$1;

14.26 (4) to apply for a limited hunt drawing, the issuing fee is \$1 unless the application  
14.27 requires a license purchase at the time of application and the license purchase requires  
14.28 an application fee;

14.29 (5) for a prairie chicken license, the issuing fee is \$1;

14.30 (6) for a turkey license, the issuing fee is \$1;

14.31 (7) for an elk license, the issuing fee is \$1;

14.32 (8) for a moose license, the issuing fee is \$1;

14.33 (9) for a wolf license, the issuing fee is \$1;

14.34 (10) for a stamp validation that is not issued simultaneously with a license, an  
14.35 issuing fee of 50 cents may be charged at the discretion of the authorized seller;

- 15.1 (11) for stamp validations issued simultaneously with a license, there is no fee;
- 15.2 (12) for licenses, seals, tags, or coupons issued without a fee under section 97A.441,  
15.3 subdivisions 1 to 6a, or 97A.465, the issuing there is no fee is \$1;
- 15.4 (13) for lifetime licenses, there is no fee; and
- 15.5 (14) for all other licenses, permits, renewals, or applications or any other transaction  
15.6 through the electronic licensing system under this chapter or any other chapter when  
15.7 an issuing fee is not specified, an issuing fee of \$1 may be charged at the discretion of  
15.8 the authorized seller.
- 15.9 (b) Only one issuing fee may be collected when selling more than one stamp in the  
15.10 same transaction after the end of the season for which the stamp was issued.
- 15.11 (c) The agent shall keep the issuing fee as a commission for selling the licenses.
- 15.12 (d) The commissioner shall collect the issuing fee on licenses sold by the  
15.13 commissioner.
- 15.14 (e) A license, except stamps, must state the amount of the issuing fee and that the  
15.15 issuing fee is kept by the seller as a commission for selling the licenses.
- 15.16 (f) For duplicate licenses, including licenses issued without a fee, the issuing fees are:  
15.17 (1) for licenses to take big game, 75 cents; and  
15.18 (2) for other licenses, 50 cents.
- 15.19 (g) The commissioner may issue one-day angling licenses in books of ten licenses  
15.20 each to fishing guides operating charter boats upon receipt of payment of all license  
15.21 fees, excluding the issuing fee required under this section. Copies of sold and unsold  
15.22 licenses shall be returned to the commissioner. The commissioner shall refund the charter  
15.23 boat captain for the license fees of all unsold licenses. Copies of sold licenses shall be  
15.24 maintained by the commissioner for one year.

15.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2014.

15.26 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.502, is amended to read:

15.27 **97A.502 DEER KILLED BY MOTOR VEHICLES.**

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

16.1 (b) The driver of a motor vehicle that has collided with and killed a deer on a public  
16.2 road has priority for a possession permit for the entire deer if the facts indicate that the  
16.3 deer was not taken illegally.

16.4 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.001, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

16.5 Subd. 3. **Remaining on land prohibited after notice.** Except as provided in  
16.6 subdivision 6, a person may not remain on or return within one year to any land for  
16.7 outdoor recreation purposes after being ~~orally told~~ personally notified not to do so by  
16.8 the owner, occupant, or lessee.

16.9 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.001, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

16.10 Subd. 4. **Entering posted land prohibited; signs.** (a) Except as provided in  
16.11 subdivision 6, a person may not:

16.12 (1) enter, for outdoor recreation purposes, any land that is posted under this  
16.13 subdivision without first obtaining permission of the owner, occupant, or lessee; or

16.14 (2) knowingly enter, for outdoor recreation purposes, any land that is posted under  
16.15 this subdivision without first obtaining permission of the owner, occupant, or lessee. A  
16.16 person who violates this clause is subject to the penalty provided in section 97A.315,  
16.17 subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

16.18 (b) The owner, occupant, or lessee of private land, or an authorized manager of public  
16.19 land may prohibit outdoor recreation on the land by posting signs once each year that:

16.20 (1) state "no trespassing" or similar terms;

16.21 (2) display letters at least two inches high;

16.22 (3) either:

16.23 (i) are signed by the owner, occupant, lessee, or authorized manager; or

16.24 (ii) include the legible name and telephone number of the owner, occupant, lessee,  
16.25 or authorized manager; and

16.26 (4) either:

16.27 (i) are at intervals of 1,000 feet or less along the boundary of the area, or in a wooded  
16.28 area where boundary lines are not clear, at intervals of 500 feet or less; or

16.29 (ii) mark the primary corners of each parcel of land and access roads and trails at  
16.30 the point of entrance to each parcel of land except that corners only accessible through  
16.31 agricultural land need not be posted.

16.32 (c) A person may not erect a sign that prohibits outdoor recreation or trespassing  
16.33 where the person does not have a property right, title, or interest to use the land.



17.1 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.001, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

17.2 Subd. 7. **Use of firearms and taking in certain areas.** (a) Unless otherwise  
17.3 provided by law, a person may not take a wild animal with discharge a firearm within 500  
17.4 feet of a building occupied by a human or livestock without the written permission of  
17.5 the owner, occupant, or lessee:

17.6 (1) on another person's private land, if the land is not a licensed shooting preserve; or

17.7 (2) on a public road right-of-way.

17.8 (b) No person may ~~shoot~~ discharge a firearm within 500 feet of a stockade or corral  
17.9 containing confining livestock for the purpose of normal livestock holding or sorting  
17.10 operations without the permission of the owner, occupant, or lessee. This paragraph  
17.11 does not apply to persons hunting during an established hunting season on state-owned  
17.12 or local government-owned land that is not a road right-of-way. For the purposes of this  
17.13 paragraph, a "stockade or corral" means a fenced enclosure for ~~containing~~ confining  
17.14 livestock that does not enclose an area greater than one acre.

17.15 (c) A person may not take a wild animal on any land where the person is prohibited  
17.16 from entering by this section.

17.17 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.031, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

17.18 Subd. 5. **Scopes; visually impaired hunters.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law  
17.19 to the contrary, the commissioner may issue a special permit, without a fee, to use a  
17.20 muzzleloader with a scope to take deer during the muzzleloader season to a person who  
17.21 obtains the required licenses and who has a visual impairment. The scope may not have  
17.22 magnification capabilities.

17.23 (b) The visual impairment must be to the extent that the applicant is unable  
17.24 to identify targets and the rifle sights at the same time without a scope. The visual  
17.25 impairment and specific conditions must be established by medical evidence verified in  
17.26 writing by (1) a licensed physician or a certified nurse practitioner or certified physician  
17.27 assistant acting under the direction of a licensed physician; (2) a licensed ophthalmologist;  
17.28 or (3) a licensed optometrist. The commissioner may request additional information from  
17.29 the physician if needed to verify the applicant's eligibility for the permit.

17.30 (c) A permit issued under this subdivision may be valid for up to five years, based  
17.31 on the permanence of the visual impairment as determined by the licensed physician,  
17.32 ophthalmologist, or optometrist.

17.33 (d) The permit must be in the immediate possession of the permittee when hunting  
17.34 under the special permit.

18.1 (e) The commissioner may deny, modify, suspend, or revoke a permit issued under  
18.2 this subdivision for cause, including a violation of the game and fish laws or rules.

18.3 (f) A person who knowingly makes a false application or assists another in making  
18.4 a false application for a permit under this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor. A  
18.5 physician, certified nurse practitioner, certified physician assistant, ophthalmologist, or  
18.6 optometrist who fraudulently certifies to the commissioner that a person is visually  
18.7 impaired as described in this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor.

18.8 (g) A permit is not required under this subdivision to use an electronic range finder  
18.9 according to section 97B.081, subdivision 3, paragraph (c).

18.10 Sec. 39. **[97B.037] CROSSBOW HUNTING; AGE 60 OR OVER.**

18.11 Notwithstanding section 97B.035, subdivisions 1 and 2, a person age 60 or over may  
18.12 take deer, bear, turkey, or rough fish by crossbow during the respective regular archery  
18.13 seasons. The transportation requirements of section 97B.051 apply to crossbows during  
18.14 the regular archery deer, bear, turkey, or rough fish season. Crossbows must meet the  
18.15 requirements of section 97B.106, subdivision 2. A person age 60 or over taking deer,  
18.16 bear, turkey, or rough fish by crossbow under this section must have a valid license to  
18.17 take the respective game.

18.18 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

18.19 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** (a) It is not a violation of this section for a person to:

18.20 (1) cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light to take raccoons  
18.21 according to section 97B.621, subdivision 3, or tend traps according to section 97B.931;

18.22 (2) hunt fox or coyote from January 1 to March 15 while using a handheld artificial  
18.23 light, provided that the person is:

18.24 (i) on foot;

18.25 (ii) using a shotgun;

18.26 (iii) not within a public road right-of-way;

18.27 (iv) using a handheld or electronic calling device; and

18.28 (v) not within 200 feet of a motor vehicle; or

18.29 (3) cast the rays of a handheld artificial light to retrieve wounded or dead big game  
18.30 animals, provided that the person is:

18.31 (i) on foot; and

18.32 (ii) not in possession of a firearm or bow.

18.33 (b) It is not a violation of subdivision 2 for a person to cast the rays of a spotlight,  
18.34 headlight, or other artificial light to:

19.1 (1) carry out any agricultural, safety, emergency response, normal vehicle operation,  
19.2 or occupation-related activities that do not involve taking wild animals; or

19.3 (2) carry out outdoor recreation as defined in section 97B.001 that is not related to  
19.4 spotting, locating, or taking a wild animal.

19.5 (c) Except as otherwise provided by the game and fish laws, it is not a violation of  
19.6 this section for a person to use an electronic range finder device from one-half hour before  
19.7 sunrise until one-half hour after sunset while lawfully hunting wild animals.

19.8 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.086, is amended to read:

19.9 **97B.086 POSSESSION OF NIGHT VISION OR THERMAL IMAGING**  
19.10 **EQUIPMENT.**

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

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

19.15 (1) unloaded;

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

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

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

19.21 (1) completely encased or unstrung; and

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

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

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

19.27 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.095, is amended to read:

19.28 **97B.095 DISTURBING AND TAKING FROM BURROWS AND DENS.**

19.29 Subdivision 1. Disturbing burrows or dens. A person may not disturb the burrow  
19.30 or den of a wild animal between November 1 and April 1 without a permit.

19.31 Subd. 2. Fox dens. A person may not remove a fox from a den or trap fox within  
19.32 300 feet of a fox den from April 1 to August 31.

19.33 Subd. 3. Raccoon dens. A person may not take a raccoon in a den or hollow tree.

20.1 Sec. 43. **[97B.099] PROHIBITED HUNTING METHODS.**

20.2 Subdivision 1. **Open fire or smoke.** A person may not take a protected wild animal  
20.3 with the aid of an open fire or smoke.

20.4 Subd. 2. **Cutting trees.** A person may not take a protected wild animal by cutting  
20.5 down a tree occupied by a protected wild animal.

20.6 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.111, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

20.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; requirements.** (a) The commissioner may establish  
20.8 criteria, special seasons, and limits for persons who have a physical disability to take big  
20.9 game and small game with firearms and by archery in designated areas. A person hunting  
20.10 under this section who has a physical disability must:

20.11 (1) have:

20.12 (i) a verified statement of the disability by a licensed physician; or

20.13 (ii) a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the applicable  
20.14 designation under section 171.07, subdivision 17; and must

20.15 (2) be participating in a program for physically disabled hunters sponsored by a  
20.16 nonprofit organization that is permitted under subdivision 2.

20.17 (b) Notwithstanding section 97B.055, subdivision 3, the commissioner may  
20.18 authorize hunt participants to shoot from a stationary motor vehicle. A license is not  
20.19 required for a person to assist a ~~physically disabled person~~ with a physical disability who  
20.20 is hunting during a special season under this section.

20.21 Sec. 45. **[97B.331] WOLVES.**

20.22 A person who unlawfully takes, transports, or possesses a wolf in violation of the  
20.23 game and fish laws, and has one or more prior convictions involving the taking of wolves,  
20.24 is liable for a civil penalty equal to the restitution value for the wolf.

20.25 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.516, is amended to read:

20.26 **97B.516 ELK MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

20.27 The commissioner of natural resources must adopt an elk management plan that:

20.28 (1) recognizes the value and uniqueness of elk;

20.29 (2) provides for integrated management of an elk population in harmony with the  
20.30 environment; and

20.31 (3) affords optimum recreational opportunities; ~~and~~

20.32 (4) ~~restricts elk to nonagricultural land in the state.~~

21.1 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.605, is amended to read:

21.2 **97B.605 COMMISSIONER MAY RESTRICT TAKING OF CERTAIN**  
21.3 **SMALL GAME ANIMALS.**

21.4 The commissioner may by rule set open seasons for, prescribe limits and restrictions  
21.5 on, and designate areas where ~~gray and fox squirrels, cottontail and jack rabbits, snowshoe~~  
21.6 ~~hare, raccoon, bobcat, red fox and gray fox, fisher, pine marten, opossum, wolves, and~~  
21.7 ~~badger~~ small game as defined in section 97A.015 may be taken and possessed.

21.8 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.646, is amended to read:

21.9 **97B.646 WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

21.10 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture, shall  
21.11 adopt a wolf management plan that includes goals to ensure the long-term survival of  
21.12 the wolf in Minnesota, to reduce conflicts between wolves and humans, to minimize  
21.13 depredation of livestock and domestic pets, and to manage the ecological impact of wolves  
21.14 on prey species and other predators.

21.15 (b) The commissioner shall compile a list that is updated quarterly on known wolf  
21.16 deaths, based on reporting by conservation officers. The list must specify the date and  
21.17 location of each wolf death and must be available on the department Web site.

21.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

21.19 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.655, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

21.20 Subdivision 1. **Owners and occupants may take certain animals.** A person may  
21.21 take mink, squirrel, rabbit, hare, raccoon, bobcat, fox, opossum, muskrat, or beaver on  
21.22 land owned or occupied by the person where the animal is causing damage. The person  
21.23 may take the animal without a license and in any manner except by poison, or artificial  
21.24 lights in the closed season. Raccoons may be taken under this subdivision with artificial  
21.25 lights during open season. A person that kills mink, raccoon, bobcat, fox, opossum,  
21.26 muskrat, or beaver under this subdivision must notify a conservation officer or employee  
21.27 of the Fish and Wildlife Division within 24 hours after the animal is killed.

21.28 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.667, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

21.29 Subd. 3. **Permits and notice; requirements.** (a) Before killing or arranging to kill  
21.30 a beaver under this section, the road authority or local government unit must contact a  
21.31 conservation officer for a special beaver permit. The conservation officer must issue the  
21.32 permit for any beaver subject to this section.

22.1 (b) A road authority or local government unit that kills or arranges to have killed a  
22.2 beaver under this section must notify a conservation officer or employee of the Fish and  
22.3 Wildlife Division within ten days after the animal is killed.

22.4 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.667, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

22.5 Subd. 4. **Local beaver control programs.** A road authority or local government  
22.6 unit may, after consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Division, implement a local beaver  
22.7 control program designed to reduce the number of incidents of beaver:

22.8 (1) interfering with or damaging a public road; or

22.9 (2) causing damage, including damage to silvicultural projects and drainage ditches,  
22.10 on property owned or managed by the local government unit.

22.11 The local control program may include the offering of a bounty for the lawful taking  
22.12 of beaver.

22.13 Sec. 52. **[97B.668] CANADA GEESE CAUSING DAMAGE.**

22.14 Notwithstanding sections 97B.091 and 97B.805, subdivisions 1 and 2, a person or  
22.15 agent of that person on lands and nonpublic waters owned or operated by the person may  
22.16 nonlethally scare, haze, chase, or harass Canada geese that are causing property damage  
22.17 from March 11 to August 31. This section does not apply to public waters as defined  
22.18 under section 103G.005, subdivision 15, or geese on nests unless a permit is obtained  
22.19 under section 97A.401.

22.20 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97B.731, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

22.21 Subdivision 1. **Migratory game birds.** (a) Migratory game birds may be taken and  
22.22 possessed. A person may not take, buy, sell, possess, transport, or ship migratory game  
22.23 birds in violation of federal law.

22.24 (b) The commissioner shall prescribe seasons and, limits, and areas for migratory  
22.25 birds in accordance with federal law.

22.26 Sec. 54. **[97C.502] MINNOWS AND LEECHES; INVASIVE SPECIES**  
22.27 **TRAINING REQUIRED.**

22.28 Subdivision 1. **Minnows; invasive species training required.** A minnow dealer,  
22.29 and each person working under the minnow dealer's license, must annually satisfactorily  
22.30 complete aquatic invasive species-related training provided by the commissioner before  
22.31 taking, selling, or transporting for sale minnows within the state.

23.1 Subd. 2. **Training certification required.** Minnow dealers, and each person  
23.2 working under the minnow dealer's license, must have a valid invasive species training  
23.3 certification in possession while taking, selling, or transporting for sale minnows within  
23.4 the state. A person who only sells minnows for the licensed minnow dealer at a retail  
23.5 location is not required to have a training certification.

23.6 Subd. 3. **Leeches; invasive species training required.** A resident under age 18  
23.7 must annually satisfactorily complete aquatic invasive species-related training provided  
23.8 by the commissioner before taking, selling, or transporting for sale leeches within the  
23.9 state. A resident under age 18 must have a valid invasive species training certification in  
23.10 possession while taking, selling, or transporting for sale leeches within the state.

23.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2015.

23.12 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97C.821, is amended to read:

23.13 **97C.821 POSSESSION, SALE, AND TRANSPORTATION OF**  
23.14 **COMMERCIAL FISH.**

23.15 Subdivision 1. **Transporting and holding commercial fish.** Subject to the  
23.16 applicable provisions of the game and fish laws, fish taken under commercial fishing  
23.17 licenses may be possessed in any quantity, bought, sold, and transported at any time.  
23.18 Commercial fishing licensees may transport their catch live to holding facilities, if the  
23.19 licensee has exclusive control of the facilities. Licensees must annually provide the legal  
23.20 description and verification of exclusive control on forms provided by the commissioner  
23.21 with the license application. Commercial fishing licensees may harvest fish from their  
23.22 holding facilities at any time with their licensed gear. The commissioner may prohibit the  
23.23 transport of live fish taken under a commercial fishing license from waters that contain  
23.24 nonnative species, are designated as infested waters, or are infected with any certifiable  
23.25 disease.

23.26 Subd. 2. **Invasive species permit certification.** (a) A commercial fishing licensee,  
23.27 and each apprentice working under the licensee's commercial fishing license, must  
23.28 annually complete invasive species training provided by the commissioner and pass an  
23.29 examination to qualify to take, sell, or transport commercial fish within the state.

23.30 (b) A commercial fishing licensee, and each apprentice working under the licensee's  
23.31 commercial fishing license, must have a valid invasive species training certification in  
23.32 possession while taking, selling, or transporting commercial fish within the state.

23.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2015.

24.1 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 171.07, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

24.2 Subd. 15. **Veteran designation.** (a) At the request of the an eligible applicant  
24.3 and on payment of the required fee, the department shall issue, renew, or reissue to the  
24.4 applicant a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the a designation of:

24.5 (1) "Veteran" to an applicant who is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447; or

24.6 (2) "Veteran 100% T&P."

24.7 (b) At the time of the initial application for the designation provided under this  
24.8 subdivision, the applicant must:

24.9 (1) be a veteran, as defined in section 197.447;

24.10 (2) have a certified copy of the veteran's discharge papers; and

24.11 (3) if the applicant is seeking the disability designation under paragraph (a), clause  
24.12 (2), provide satisfactory evidence of a 100 percent total and permanent service-connected  
24.13 disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

24.14 (c) The commissioner of public safety is required to issue drivers' licenses and  
24.15 Minnesota identification cards with the veteran designation only after entering a new  
24.16 contract or in coordination with producing a new card design with modifications made  
24.17 as required by law.

24.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
24.19 applies to applications submitted on or after January 1, 2016, or the date the new driver and  
24.20 vehicle services information technology system is implemented, whichever comes later.

24.21 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 171.07, is amended by adding a subdivision  
24.22 to read:

24.23 Subd. 17. **Disability designation.** At the request of an applicant with permanent  
24.24 eligibility for a disability designation and on payment of the required fee, the department  
24.25 shall issue, renew, or reissue to the applicant a driver's license or Minnesota identification  
24.26 card bearing a physical disability designation based on the following medical conditions:

24.27 (1) type 1, to an applicant who is permanently blind or disabled and meets the  
24.28 requirements for a free license to take fish under section 97A.441, subdivision 1, paragraph  
24.29 (a), clause (1), (4), (5), or (6); or

24.30 (2) type 2, to an applicant who permanently meets the requirements for disability  
24.31 under section 97B.111, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), item (i).

24.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
24.33 applies to applications submitted on or after January 1, 2016, or the date the new driver and  
24.34 vehicle services information technology system is implemented, whichever comes later.



25.1 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 349.173, is amended to read:

25.2 **349.173 CONDUCT OF RAFFLES.**

25.3 (a) Raffle tickets or certificates of participation at a minimum must list the three  
 25.4 most expensive prizes to be awarded and include the location, date, and time of the  
 25.5 selection of the winning entries. If additional prizes will be awarded, a complete list of  
 25.6 additional prizes must be publicly posted at the event and copies of the complete prize list  
 25.7 made available upon request. Raffles conducted under the exemptions in section 349.166  
 25.8 may use tickets that contain only the sequential number of the raffle ticket and no other  
 25.9 information if the organization makes a list of prizes and a statement of other relevant  
 25.10 information required by rule available to persons purchasing tickets and if tickets are only  
 25.11 sold at the event and on the date when the tickets are drawn.

25.12 (b) Raffles must be conducted in a manner that ensures:

25.13 (1) all entries in the raffle have an equal chance of selection;

25.14 (2) entry in the raffle is not conditioned upon any other purchase, except that a  
 25.15 certificate of participation may be a button with a nominal value of less than \$5;

25.16 (3) the method of selection is conducted in a public forum;

25.17 (4) the method of selection cannot be manipulated or based on the outcome of an  
 25.18 event not under the control of the organization;

25.19 (5) physical presence at the raffle is not a requirement to win; and

25.20 (6) all sold and unsold tickets or certificates of participation are accounted for.

25.21 (c) An organization that is permitted under this section and authorized by the  
 25.22 Gambling Control Board to conduct raffles, may conduct a raffle in conjunction with a wild  
 25.23 game or fish taking event. The wild game or fish must be legally taken under chapters 97A  
 25.24 to 97C, and rules adopted pursuant to those chapters. The organization may sell a combined  
 25.25 ticket for a single price for the event and raffle, provided that the combined ticket states  
 25.26 the amount of the price that applies to the wild game or fish event, and the amount that  
 25.27 applies to the raffle. All other provisions of sections 349.11 to 349.23 apply to the raffle.

25.28 (e) (d) Methods of selecting winning entries from a raffle other than prescribed in  
 25.29 rule may be used with the prior written approval of the board.

25.30 Sec. 59. Laws 2008, chapter 363, article 5, section 4, subdivision 7, as amended by  
 25.31 Laws 2009, chapter 37, article 1, section 61, is amended to read:

25.32	Subd. 7. <b>Fish and Wildlife Management</b>	123,000	119,000
25.33	Appropriations by Fund		
25.34	General	-0-	(427,000)
25.35	Game and Fish	123,000	546,000

26.1 \$329,000 in 2009 is a reduction for fish and  
26.2 wildlife management.

26.3 \$46,000 in 2009 is a reduction in the  
26.4 appropriation for the Minnesota Shooting  
26.5 Sports Education Center.

26.6 \$52,000 in 2009 is a reduction for licensing.

26.7 \$123,000 in 2008 and \$246,000 in 2009 are  
26.8 from the game and fish fund to implement  
26.9 fish virus surveillance, prepare infrastructure  
26.10 to handle possible outbreaks, and implement  
26.11 control procedures for highest risk waters  
26.12 and fish production operations. This is a  
26.13 onetime appropriation.

26.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
26.15 297A.94, paragraph (e), \$300,000 in 2009  
26.16 is from the second year appropriation in  
26.17 Laws 2007, chapter 57, article 1, section 4,  
26.18 subdivision 7, from the heritage enhancement  
26.19 account in the game and fish fund to ~~study,~~  
26.20 ~~pre-design, and design a shooting sports~~  
26.21 ~~facility in the seven-county metropolitan~~  
26.22 area for shooting sports facilities. Of this  
26.23 amount, \$100,000 is for a grant to the Itasca  
26.24 County Gun Club for shooting sports facility  
26.25 improvements; and the remaining balance  
26.26 is for trap shooting facility grants under  
26.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10. This is  
26.28 available onetime only and is available until  
26.29 expended.

26.30 \$300,000 in 2009 is appropriated from the  
26.31 game and fish fund for only activities that  
26.32 improve, enhance, or protect fish and wildlife  
26.33 resources. This is a onetime appropriation.

27.1       Sec. 60. **HYBRID AND NARROW-LEAVED CATTAIL CONTROL; LORING**  
27.2 **PARK LAKE.**

27.3       Pursuant to permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources in 1997 and 2014  
27.4 and this section, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is authorized to remove all  
27.5 hybrid and narrow-leaved cattails by mechanical removal and chemical control at Loring  
27.6 Lake in Hennepin County, and replant the shoreland with native species in accordance  
27.7 with the permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources. The authority to remove  
27.8 all cattails under the 1997 and 2014 permits and this section is continuous.

27.9       **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

27.10      Sec. 61. **REFUNDS; LIFETIME LICENSES.**

27.11      On or after the effective date of sections 27 to 30, the commissioner of natural  
27.12 resources may issue refunds for the difference of the price of lifetime licenses purchased  
27.13 between March 1, 2013, and the effective date of sections 27 to 30.

27.14      Sec. 62. **GRAY PARTRIDGE BAG LIMIT; RULEMAKING.**

27.15      (a) The commissioner of natural resources shall amend Minnesota Rules, part  
27.16 6234.0500, by adding a new subpart to read: "A person may not take more than five gray  
27.17 partridge per day or possess more than ten gray partridge at a time."

27.18      (b) The commissioner may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes,  
27.19 section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota  
27.20 Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section  
27.21 14.388.

27.22      Sec. 63. **RULEMAKING; SNOWMOBILE OPERATION DURING FIREARMS**  
27.23 **DEER SEASON.**

27.24      (a) The commissioner of natural resources shall amend Minnesota Rules, part  
27.25 6232.0300, subpart 7, item C, by:

27.26      (1) adding a new subitem (3) to read: "(3) a licensed deer hunter may operate a  
27.27 snowmobile on state and grant-in-aid trails during the deer season"; and

27.28      (2) deleting "Legal use of snowmobiles during the open deer season is governed  
27.29 by part 6100.5100."

27.30      (b) The commissioner may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes,  
27.31 section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota  
27.32 Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes,  
27.33 section 14.388.

28.1       Sec. 64. **RULEMAKING; USE OF RABBITS AND HARES TO TRAIN DOGS.**

28.2           (a) The commissioner of natural resources shall amend Minnesota Rules, part  
28.3 6234.0600, to add the following language: "A person may use dogs to pursue rabbits and  
28.4 hares without killing or capturing the rabbits and hares at any time during the year except  
28.5 from April 16 to July 14 or under permit."

28.6           (b) The commissioner may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes,  
28.7 section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota  
28.8 Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes,  
28.9 section 14.388.

28.10       Sec. 65. **MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY; MASTER PLAN.**

28.11           The commissioner of natural resources shall develop a master plan in accordance  
28.12 with Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.09, to conserve the natural and cultural resources of  
28.13 the Minnesota River Valley area in Redwood and Renville Counties and to provide for the  
28.14 shared use, enjoyment, and understanding of these resources through a broad selection  
28.15 of outdoor recreational opportunities and recreational travel routes that connect units of  
28.16 the outdoor recreation system in the river valley, including a connection to the Minnesota  
28.17 River State Trail authorized in Minnesota Statutes, section 85.015, subdivision 22. The  
28.18 plan shall address the impacts to the natural and cultural resources, interpretive services,  
28.19 recreational opportunities, and administrative activities in the area and also provide  
28.20 recommendations on the unit designation of the area under the Outdoor Recreation Act.

28.21       Sec. 66. **MUSKELLUNGE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT; RULEMAKING.**

28.22           By March 1, 2015, the commissioner of natural resources shall amend Minnesota  
28.23 Rules, part 6262.0200, to provide that the minimum size limit for muskellunge in all  
28.24 inland waters is 54 inches, except for: (1) muskellunge-northern pike hybrid lakes in  
28.25 the seven-county metropolitan area; and (2) individual lakes where the commissioner  
28.26 establishes a minimum size limit of 48 inches. Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.005,  
28.27 does not apply to establishment of size limits for individual lakes under this section. The  
28.28 commissioner may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388,  
28.29 subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota Statutes, section  
28.30 14.386, does not apply, except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.

28.31       Sec. 67. **QUAIL RECOVERY PLAN; REPORT.**

28.32           The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with interested parties, must  
28.33 develop a detailed feasibility study for the restoration of a wild population of quail in

29.1 Minnesota. No later than January 15, 2015, the commissioner must report on the study's  
29.2 progress to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural  
29.3 resources policy and finance.

29.4 **Sec. 68. FISHING PIER ON LONG LAKE; STEARNS COUNTY.**

29.5 The commissioner of natural resources shall work with a nonstate entity to establish  
29.6 a fishing pier on Long Lake in Stearns County.

29.7 **Sec. 69. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

29.8 The revisor of statutes shall delete the range reference "84A.01 to 84A.11" and insert  
29.9 "84A.01 to 84A.101" wherever it appears in Minnesota Statutes.

29.10 **Sec. 70. REPEALER.**

29.11 Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 84.154, subdivision 5; 84A.04; 84A.08; 84A.11;  
29.12 97A.081; 97A.083; 97A.445, subdivision 3; 97A.4742, subdivision 3; 97B.061; 97B.611;  
29.13 97B.615; 97B.621, subdivisions 1 and 4; 97B.625; 97B.631; 97B.635; 97B.711; 97B.715,  
29.14 subdivision 2; 97B.803; 97B.911; 97B.915; 97B.921; 97B.925; 97C.011; 97C.081,  
29.15 subdivision 5; and 97C.827, and Minnesota Rules, part 6100.5100, are repealed."

29.16 Delete the title and insert:

29.17 "A bill for an act  
29.18 relating to natural resources; modifying game and fish laws; modifying use  
29.19 of vehicles for hunting; modifying all-terrain vehicle definitions; modifying  
29.20 oversight committee provisions; modifying provisions for wildlife management  
29.21 areas; modifying trespass provisions; modifying license provisions and fees;  
29.22 requiring certain invasive species training; providing for certain grants;  
29.23 requiring development of certain master plan; modifying provisions for taking  
29.24 wild animals; authorizing nonlethal hazing of Canada geese; modifying  
29.25 disability-related angling and hunting licenses and special permit provisions;  
29.26 providing for designations on driver's license and Minnesota identification card;  
29.27 modifying requirements of raffles with a wild game or fish taking event; updating  
29.28 and eliminating certain obsolete language; modifying prior appropriations;  
29.29 authorizing certain cattail removal; requiring a report; requiring rulemaking;  
29.30 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 84.154, subdivisions 1, 2, 3;  
29.31 84.777, subdivision 2; 84.87, by adding a subdivision; 84.92, subdivisions  
29.32 8, 9, 10; 84.944, subdivision 2; 84A.10; 84A.50; 84D.01, subdivision 8b;  
29.33 97A.025; 97A.055, subdivision 4b; 97A.131; 97A.137, subdivision 3, by adding  
29.34 a subdivision; 97A.311, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision; 97A.405,  
29.35 subdivision 4a; 97A.434, subdivision 1; 97A.441, subdivisions 1, 5; 97A.473,  
29.36 subdivisions 2a, 2b, 5, 5a; 97A.502; 97B.001, subdivisions 3, 4, 7; 97B.031,  
29.37 subdivision 5; 97B.081, subdivision 3; 97B.086; 97B.095; 97B.111, subdivision  
29.38 1; 97B.516; 97B.605; 97B.646; 97B.655, subdivision 1; 97B.667, subdivisions  
29.39 3, 4; 97B.731, subdivision 1; 97C.821; 171.07, subdivision 15, by adding a  
29.40 subdivision; 349.173; Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, sections 97A.441,  
29.41 subdivisions 6, 6a; 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 3; 97A.485, subdivision 6; Laws  
29.42 2008, chapter 363, article 5, section 4, subdivision 7, as amended; proposing  
29.43 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 87A; 97B; 97C; repealing

30.1 Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 84.154, subdivision 5; 84A.04; 84A.08;  
30.2 84A.11; 97A.081; 97A.083; 97A.445, subdivision 3; 97A.4742, subdivision 3;  
30.3 97B.061; 97B.611; 97B.615; 97B.621, subdivisions 1, 4; 97B.625; 97B.631;  
30.4 97B.635; 97B.711; 97B.715, subdivision 2; 97B.803; 97B.911; 97B.915;  
30.5 97B.921; 97B.925; 97C.011; 97C.081, subdivision 5; 97C.827; Minnesota  
30.6 Rules, part 6100.5100."

31.1 We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

31.2 House Conferees:

31.3 .....  
31.4 David Dill Jason Isaacson

31.5 .....  
31.6 Denny McNamara

31.7 Senate Conferees:

31.8 .....  
31.9 Matt Schmit John A. Hoffman

31.10 .....  
31.11 Carrie Ruud