A bill for an act

relating to environment; prohibiting the use of lead ammunition when hunting;
prohibiting the sale, manufacture, and use of lead tackle; establishing a nontoxic
ammunition performance standard for shooting sports facilities; requiring nontoxic
ammunition in school shooting sports; requiring reports; appropriating money;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 38.33; 38.331, subdivision 1; 87A.02,
subdivision 2; 87A.10; 97A.045, by adding a subdivision; 128C.02, by adding a
subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 38;
97B; 97C; 325E.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 38.33, is amended to read:

38.33 COORDINATION TO MAINTAIN COUNTY EXTENSION WORK.

Sections 38.33 to 38.38 coordinate the work of the federal, state, and county
government and the Minnesota Extension Service of the University of Minnesota to maintain
county extension work.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 38.331, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Application. In sections 38.33 to 38.38, the definitions in this
section apply.

Sec. 3. [38.39] 4H SHOOTING SPORTS AND ANGLING.

4H extension work related to shooting sports or angling must:

(1) prohibit using lead ammunition and lead tackle and require using nontoxic ammunition
and nontoxic tackle; and
2.1 include an educational component about the toxic effects of lead ammunition and lead fishing tackle and about nontoxic alternatives.

2.2 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 87A.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Best practices. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), for purposes of this chapter, the November 1999 revised edition of the National Rifle Association's Range Source Book: A Guide to Planning and Construction serves as best practices for shooting range performance standards.

(b) The shooting range performance standards under this chapter include a prohibition on possessing and using lead ammunition. To operate in compliance with the performance standards, a shooting range must allow possessing and using only nontoxic ammunition, except by peace officers, other government officials or employees, or their agents when carrying out a duty required by law.

2.3 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 87A.10, is amended to read:

87A.10 SHOOTING SPORTS FACILITY GRANTS.

The commissioner of natural resources must administer a program to provide cost-share grants to local recreational shooting clubs or local units of government for up to 50 percent of the costs of developing or rehabilitating shooting sports facilities for public use. The commissioner must give preference to projects that will provide the most opportunities for youth. A facility rehabilitated or developed with a grant under this section must:

(1) be open to the general public at reasonable times and for a reasonable fee on a walk-in basis. The commissioner shall give preference to projects that will provide the most opportunities for youth;

(2) allow possessing and using only nontoxic ammunition; and

(3) include an educational component about the toxic effects of lead ammunition and about nontoxic alternatives.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2024, and applies to grants awarded on or after that date.
Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.045, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 14. Education about nontoxic ammunition and tackle. The commissioner must include education about the toxic effects of lead ammunition and lead fishing tackle and about nontoxic alternatives to lead ammunition and lead fishing tackle as part of the department's overall effort in hunting and fishing recruitment and retention.

Sec. 7. [97B.032] NONTOXIC AMMUNITION REQUIRED.

Subdivision 1. Lead ammunition prohibited. (a) A person may not use or possess lead ammunition when hunting with firearms in a scientific and natural area, a peatland scientific and natural area, or a state park.

(b) After ......, a person may not use or possess lead ammunition when hunting with firearms in this state.

Subd. 2. Hunter notification. The commissioner must notify hunters of the requirements of this section.

Subd. 3. Civil penalty. A person who violates this section is subject to the following civil penalties:

(1) $500 for the first offense; and

(2) a penalty of at least $1,000 but no more than $5,000 for each subsequent offense.

Subd. 4. Nontoxic ammunition vouchers. (a) To the extent that funding is available, the commissioner must establish a program to provide hunters and shooting sports participants with nontoxic ammunition at no cost or at a reduced cost. A voucher must not be provided in an amount that exceeds the average cost of nontoxic ammunition in the state as determined by the commissioner. The commissioner may work with partners to secure additional resources for the program from local, federal, and private sources.

(b) By January 15 each year, the commissioner must submit a report on implementing this section to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources. The report must include information about redemption rates of vouchers issued under this section during the previous fiscal year.

Subd. 5. Ammunition buy-back and exchange program. To the extent that funding is available, the commissioner must establish a program to buy back lead ammunition from

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hunters and shooting sports participants and must provide opportunities for hunters and
shooting sports participants to exchange lead ammunition with nontoxic ammunition.

Subd. 6. Exemption. Subdivision 1 does not apply to peace officers, other government
officials or employees, or their agents when carrying out a duty required by law.

Sec. 8. [97C.316] LEAD TACKLE PROHIBITED.

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

(1) "jig" means a weighted hook but does not include other fishing-related items, including
fishing line, flies, lures, or spoons; and

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

Subd. 2. Prohibition. A person may not use a sinker or jig to take fish if the sinker or
jig:

(1) contains lead; and

(2) weighs one ounce or less or measures 2.5 inches or less in length, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective ......

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 128C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
read:

Subd. 3c. Nontoxic ammunition. By November 1, 2024, the league must adopt league
rules that prohibit using lead ammunition and require using nontoxic ammunition at all
shooting sport practices, competitions, training, and other events.

Sec. 10. [325E.3893] LEAD TACKLE.

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

(1) "jig" means a weighted hook but does not include other fishing-related items, such
as fishing line, flies, lures, or spoons; and

(2) "sinker" means a device that is designed to be attached to a fishing line to sink the
line but does not include artificial lures, weighted line, weighted flies, or jig heads.
Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** A person may not sell, offer for sale, or manufacture for sale in Minnesota a sinker or jig that:

1. contains lead; and
2. weighs one ounce or less or measures 2.5 inches or less in length, or both.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective .......

Sec. 11. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) $....... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the ..... fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the nontoxic ammunition voucher program established under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.032, subdivision 4. This is a onetime appropriation.

(b) $....... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the ..... fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the ammunition buy-back and exchange program established under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.032, subdivision 5. This is a onetime appropriation.

(c) $....... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated to the commissioner of health to conduct diagnostic blood lead level tests for persons under the age of 18 who presently participate in or who participated in the past in shooting sports.

(d) $....... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated to the commissioner of health to test lead levels in private drinking water wells and aquifers hydrologically near Minnesota shooting sports facilities.