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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3874**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; allowing a person to take and keep feral swine; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.56, subdivision 2.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.56, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Prohibited actions; penalty.** (a) A person may not ~~possess or~~ release feral  
1.7 swine or swine that were feral during any part of the swine's lifetime or allow feral swine  
1.8 to run at large. Except as provided under paragraph (b), a person may not possess feral  
1.9 swine or swine that were feral during any part of the swine's lifetime.

1.10 (b) A person may not hunt or trap feral swine, except as authorized by the commissioner  
1.11 for feral swine control or eradication. It is not a violation of this section if a person shoots  
1.12 a feral swine and reports the taking to the commissioner within 24 hours. ~~All swine taken~~  
1.13 ~~in this manner must be surrendered to the commissioner.~~

1.14 (c) A person who violates this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor.