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Introduction and first reading

OFFICIAL STATUS

Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying trapping provisions; amending Minnesota
- 1.3 Statutes 2020, sections 97B.931; 97B.945; proposing coding for new law in
- 1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97B; repealing Minnesota Rules, part 6234.2400,
- 1.5 subpart 10.
- 1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.7 Section 1. **97B.902] OPENING HOUR FOR TRAPPING SEASONS.**
- 1.8 A season for taking fur-bearing animals by trapping begins at sunrise on the opening
- 1.9 day prescribed by rule adopted by the commissioner.
- 1.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.931, is amended to read:
- 1.11 **97B.931 TENDING TRAPS.**
- 1.12 Subdivision 1. ~~Restrictions~~ Using lights to tend traps. ~~A person may not tend a trap~~
- 1.13 ~~set for wild animals between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.~~
- 1.14 A person on foot may use a portable artificial light to tend traps. While using a light in the
- 1.15 field, the person may not possess or use a firearm other than a handgun or rifle capable of
- 1.16 firing only rimfire cartridges of .17 or .22 caliber including .22 magnum.
- 1.17 Subd. 2. **Body-gripping traps.** A body-gripping, conibear-type trap need not be tended
- 1.18 more frequently than once every third calendar day.
- 1.19 Subd. 3. **Snares.** Snares that are not capable of drowning the captured animal need not
- 1.20 be tended more frequently than once every third calendar day, and any animal captured
- 1.21 must be removed from the snare.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, 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.