

## CHAPTER 63—H. F. No. 18

(AMENDING SECTIONS 97.01, 100.08 AND 100.12 MINNESOTA  
STATUTES 1941.)

*An act relating to wild animals, removing protection for bear, and amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5536-2, (B), and Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5545, and repealing Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5541 (2).*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Law amended—definitions.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5536-2, (B), is amended to read as follows:

“(B) The term “big game” includes deer, moose, elk, and caribou, and the term “small game” includes all other protected wild quadrupeds and wild birds.”

Sec. 2. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5545, is amended to read as follows:

“5545. **Animals that may be taken.**—Weasels, wild cat, lynx, wolves, foxes, *bears*, gophers, porcupines and all other quadrupeds for which a closed season is not provided by law, may be taken either in the day time or at night and in any manner, except that poison may be used to aid in the taking thereof *and steel traps may be used in the taking of bear* only by permission of the director and in a manner prescribed by him. No person shall place any poison in any place inhabited or frequented by wild animals otherwise than as so permitted. Provided, the taking of bear may be prohibited in such areas of the state and during such periods as the commissioner of conservation may by order prescribe.

Sec. 3. Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 5541 (2), is hereby repealed.

Approved February 25, 1943.

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CHAPTER 64—H. F. No. 101

*An act authorizing county boards in all counties having a population of not less than 20,000, nor more than 26,000, inhabitants according to the last federal census and having an assessed valuation of not less than \$5,500,000, nor more than \$9,000,000, exclusive of money and credits, and containing a total acreage of not less than 550,000, nor more than 552,000, acres, to levy a tax*