

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.** The sum of \$205,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the department of transportation to be available until June 30, 1979, for the purpose of providing transit operating subsidies to the Medicine Lake Lines. This appropriation is available to subsidize operations from February 1, 1979, to June 30, 1979; however for service rendered from April 9, 1979, to June 30, 1979, the subsidy shall be paid only for service that meets the regular route service standards for private operators in the metropolitan area, as submitted by the commissioner of transportation to the legislature on April 5, 1979. This appropriation or any other public subsidy to the Medicine Lake Lines is not available unless the complete financial records of the Medicine Lake Lines are available for inspection by the department of transportation.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved May 30, 1979.

CHAPTER 267—S.F.No.709

An act relating to game and fish; affording protection to the badger; authorizing a season thereon; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 100.26, Subdivision 1; and 100.27, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 100.26, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

100.26 UNPROTECTED ANIMALS. Subdivision 1. Weasel, coyote (brush wolf), gopher, porcupine, ~~badger~~, and all other quadrupeds for which no closed season or other protection is accorded by chapters 97 to 102, are unprotected animals and may be taken either in the daytime or at night, and in any manner, except with the aid of artificial lights, and possessed, bought, sold or transported in any quantity, provided that for the safety of humans and domestic stock, poison may not be used in the taking thereof, except in the manner authorized by section 18.022. It shall be unlawful to intentionally drive, chase, run over or kill with any motor propelled vehicle any unprotected animals.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 100.27, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. The commissioner shall prescribe by order the areas within the state and any other restrictions under which the following animals may be taken and possessed, subject to all other provisions of chapters 97 to 102, between the dates, if any, set opposite the species:

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(1) Grey and fox squirrels, October 15 and December 31 statewide; and during any other times, within any areas, and subject to any other restrictions as the commissioner by order may prescribe;

(2) Jack rabbits, cottontail rabbits and varying hare or snowshoe rabbits, September 16 and March 1;

(3) Raccoon, October 15 and December 31 statewide. Notwithstanding the restrictions imposed by this subdivision, raccoon may be treed without being taken by the use of dogs at any time during the year, except for those restrictions found in section 100.29, subdivision 20;

(4) Lynx, or bobcat with the length of the season, if any, for either species determined by the commissioner based upon population estimates of either species within the state;

(5) Fox, provided that no fox may be removed from a den or trapped within 300 feet of a fox den during the period from April 1 and ending August 31 of each year;

(6) Fisher and badger, based upon population estimates within the state.

Approved May 30, 1979.

CHAPTER 268—S.F.No.856

An act relating to public health; authorizing waiver of minimum health maintenance organization requirements for demonstration projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 62D, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 62D, is amended by adding a section to read:

[62D.30] DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. Subdivision 1. The commissioner of health may establish demonstration projects to allow health maintenance organizations to extend coverage to:

(a) Individuals enrolled in Part A or Part B, or both, of the medicare program, Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.;

(b) Groups of fewer than 50 employees where each group is covered by a single group health policy;

(c) Individuals who are not eligible for enrollment in any group health maintenance contracts; and

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