

pursuant to this section and provide a report to the legislature by April 1, 1981, which shall include a description of:

- (a) The cost effectiveness of the program;
- (b) The unmet needs in the community;
- (c) Similar screening activities in the counties;
- (d) Methods to improve the program.

Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION. For the biennium ending June 30, 1981, there is appropriated from the general fund to the department of public welfare the sum of \$48,000 for the purposes of section 1 and the approved complement shall be increased by one until June 30, 1981.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall be effective the day following its enactment.

Approved April 15, 1980

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#### CHAPTER 576—S.F.No. 682

*An act relating to game and fish; authorizing the use of handguns in taking small game; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 100.29, Subdivisions 2, 3 and 9.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 100.29, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. It shall be unlawful to take protected wild animals with a gun larger in bore than a 10 gauge ~~or not fired from the shoulder, except that a person suffering from a physical disability rendering him incapable of using a shoulder fired gun but capable of using a handgun and possessing a doctor's statement to this effect may take protected wild animals with a handgun.~~ Handguns of any caliber may be used for taking small game in a manner prescribed by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 100.29, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. It shall be unlawful to have in possession out of doors, except upon target ranges operated under a permit from the commissioner, unless unloaded and contained in a gun case, or unloaded and broken down:

(1) Any rifle or handgun, except a 22 caliber rim-fire rifle or handgun carried for the sole purpose of taking small game when lawful and using 22 caliber short, long, or long rifle bullets, or any shotgun with slugs, in any territory wherein there is an open season for taking deer with firearms, for a period of ten days preceding and five days succeeding such season;

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(2) Any rifle, except those described in this clause, in a territory open for the taking of deer with shotguns and slugs but not with rifles, during such season; (a) smooth-bore muzzle loading muskets of not less than 45 caliber and rifle muzzle loading muskets of not less than 40 caliber that are incapable of being loaded at the breech, may be possessed and used for the hunting of deer during such open season and (b) 22 caliber rim-fire rifles or handguns carried for the sole purpose of taking small game when lawful and using 22 caliber short, long, or long rifle bullets, may be possessed and used during such open deer season;

(3) Any slugs for use in a shotgun in any territory open for the taking of deer with firearms during the open season, except for slugs carried for the sole purpose of taking deer or bear.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 100.29, Subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. Except as provided in subdivision 3, and in this subdivision, it shall be unlawful to take deer, moose, or any other wild animal during deer or moose season in open deer or moose hunting territory with a rifle or firearm which discharges a projectile, the diameter of which is less than twenty-three hundredths of an inch, or to use any cartridge less than one and three-fourths inches in length, and not containing a soft point or expanding bullet, the measurement to include the cartridge or shell and the bullet seated in the usual manner, provided cartridges of 35 caliber or larger may be used, regardless of length, or to use shells containing buckshot, or fine shot except for game birds, and except that smooth-bore muzzle loading muskets of not less than 45 caliber and rifled muzzle loading muskets of not less than 40 caliber that are incapable of being loaded at the breech may be used, and provided further that handguns of the .357, .41, and .44 magnum caliber, using ammunition with a case length of not less than 1.285 inches, shall be used by a disabled person authorized to take wild animals by use of a handgun pursuant to subdivision 2 and other calibers of similar performance as determined by the commissioner, may be used to take deer, moose, bear, or any wild animal.

Approved April 15, 1980

#### CHAPTER 577—S.F.No. 480

*An act relating to public health; authorizing the funding of a statewide poison information center; giving grant and program monitoring responsibilities to the commissioner of health; appropriating money.*

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

Section 1. [145.93] MINNESOTA POISON INFORMATION CENTER; ESTABLISHMENT. Subdivision 1. PURPOSE. The legislature finds that the needs of citizens of the state for information relating to the prompt identification

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