

All information, submitted by the acquiring and divesting carriers as confidential, shall remain nonpublic data and private data on individuals in accordance with chapter 13 and shall not be divulged to any outside parties, except to the Interstate Commerce Commission as a part of a filing in relation to the proposed transaction. The attorney general and the commissioner of transportation shall take the necessary steps to assure confidentiality.

Sec. 3. [222.87] PRESERVATION OF CONTRACTS AND LEGAL STATUS.

Subdivision 1. SHIPPING CONTRACTS. An acquiring carrier succeeds to and is bound by the contracts, agreements, and understandings between the divesting carrier and any shipper within this state for a period equaling the stated term of the contract or six months, whichever is greater.

Subd. 2. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. An acquiring carrier succeeds to and is bound by the contracts, agreements, and understandings between the divesting carrier and the state of Minnesota and any governmental subdivision for a period equal to the stated term of the contract, agreement, or understanding or six months, whichever is greater.

Subd. 3. CONSTRUCTION. This section does not alter, and shall not be construed to alter, the rights of all parties to renegotiate contracts under subdivisions 1 and 2 at any time mutually agreeable.

Sec. 4. [222.88] PRIORITY IN HIRING.

An acquiring carrier under sections 1 to 3 shall give priority in hiring, based upon length of service on the affected rail line, to employees of the divesting carrier performing service in connection with the affected rail line. To assert priority, the employee must be qualified by experience and training to perform the available job.

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CHAPTER 677—H.F.No. 1817

An act relating to game and fish; prohibiting the use of certain meat in baiting bears; regulating placing decoys in public waters or on public lands; requiring lifesaving devices in duckboats; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 97B.425; 97B.811; and 361.141, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 97B.425, is amended to read:

97B.425 BAITING BEARS.

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Notwithstanding section 609.68, a person ~~placing~~ may place bait to take bear and must display a tag at each site where bait is placed and register the sites. The commissioner shall prescribe the method of tagging and registering the sites. ~~A person may not use solid waste containing bottles, cans, plastic, paper, metal, or other materials that are not readily biodegradable as a bait to attract bear.~~ To attract bear a person may not use a bait with:

(1) a carcass from a mammal, if the carcass contains more than 25 percent of the intact carcass;

(2) solid waste containing bottles, cans, plastic, paper, or metal; or

(3) materials that are not readily biodegradable.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 97B.811, is amended to read:

97B.811 DECOYS AND BLINDS ON PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS.

Subdivision 1. **BLINDS AND DECOYS PROHIBITED BEFORE SEASON.** A person may not erect a blind or place decoys in public waters or on public land more than one hour before the open season for waterfowl.

Subd. 2. **HOURS FOR PLACING DECOYS.** Except as provided in subdivisions 3 and 4, a person may not place decoys in public waters or on public lands more than one hour before ~~sunrise~~ during the open season lawful shooting hours for waterfowl.

Subd. 3. **RESTRICTIONS ON LEAVING DECOYS OVERNIGHT.** During the open season for waterfowl, a person may not leave decoys in public waters between sunset and one hour before ~~sunrise~~ lawful shooting hours unless:

(1) the decoys are in waters adjacent to private land under the control of the hunter; and

(2) there is not natural vegetation growing in water sufficient to partially conceal a hunter.

Subd. 4. **DECOYS THAT ARE NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD PROHIBITED.** A person may not leave decoys in public waters between sunset and one hour before ~~sunrise~~ lawful shooting hours if the decoys constitute a navigational hazard.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 361.141, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **PERSONAL FLOTATION OR LIFESAVING DEVICES.** Watercraft and duck boats using the waters of this state shall be equipped with the number and type of personal flotation or lifesaving devices prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall not require sailboards to be equipped with personal flotation or lifesaving devices. Nor shall the commissioner require persons on sailboards to wear those devices or have them readily available.

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