

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION

S.F. No. 3687

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/15/2024	11598	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to game and fish; modifying deer firearms season dates; amending

1.3Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.311.

1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.311, is amended to read:

1.697B.311 DEER SEASONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

1.7(a) The commissioner may, by rule, prescribe restrictions and designate areas where

1.8deer may be taken, including hunter selection criteria for special hunts established under

1.9section 97A.401, subdivision 4. The commissioner may, by rule, prescribe the open seasons

1.10for deer within the following periods:

1.11(1) taking with firearms, other than muzzle-loading firearms, between ~~November 1~~ the

1.12first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and December 15;

1.13(2) taking with muzzle-loading firearms between September 1 and December 31; and

1.14(3) taking by archery between September 1 and December 31.

1.15(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner may establish special seasons

1.16within designated areas at any time of year.