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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1544

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; allowing use of night vision equipment when hunting
1.3 coyotes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 97B.086.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 97B.086, is amended to read:

1.6 97B.086 POSSESSING NIGHT VISION OR THERMAL IMAGING EQUIPMENT.

1.7 (a) A person may not possess night vision or thermal imaging equipment while taking
1.8 wild animals or while having in possession, either individually or as one of a group of
1.9 persons, a firearm, bow, or other implement that could be used to take wild animals.

1.10 (b) This section does not apply to a firearm that is:

1.11 (1) unloaded;

1.12 (2) in a gun case expressly made to contain a firearm that fully encloses the firearm by
1.13 being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened without any portion of the
1.14 firearm exposed; and

1.15 (3) in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle.

1.16 (c) This section does not apply to a bow that is:

1.17 (1) completely encased or unstrung; and

1.18 (2) in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle.

1.19 (d) If the motor vehicle under paragraph (b) or (c) does not have a trunk, the firearm or
1.20 bow must be placed in the rearmost location of the vehicle.

- 2.1 (e) This section does not apply to night vision or thermal imaging equipment possessed
- 2.2 by peace officers or military personnel while exercising their duties.
- 2.3 (f) This section does not apply to a person legally taking a coyote.