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STATE OF MINNESOTA

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

S.F. No. 2507

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03/10/2016	4952	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment and Energy

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A bill for an act

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relating to game and fish; prohibiting use of unmanned aircraft systems to take,

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harm, or harass wild animals; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

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Statutes, chapter 97A.

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

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Section 1. [97A.036] USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS TO TAKE

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WILD ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

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Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this

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section.

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(b) "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of

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direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

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(c) "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned aircraft and associated

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elements, including communication links and the components that control the unmanned

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aircraft, that are required for the pilot in command to operate safely and efficiently in the

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national airspace system.

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Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** A person may not use an unmanned aircraft system to take,

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harm, or harass a wild animal.