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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1223

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; allowing use of night vision enhanced with an infrared
1.3 illuminator when hunting coyote or fox; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section
1.4 97B.086.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.086, is amended to read:

1.7 97B.086 POSSESSING NIGHT VISION OR THERMAL IMAGING EQUIPMENT.

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

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

1.12 (1) unloaded;

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

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

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

1.18 (1) completely encased or unstrung; and

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

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

- 2.1 (e) This section does not apply to night vision, night vision enhanced with an infrared
2.2 illuminator, or thermal imaging equipment possessed by:
- 2.3 (1) peace officers or military personnel while exercising their duties; or
- 2.4 (2) a person taking coyote or fox as provided under section 97B.075 and rules adopted
2.5 under section 97B.605.