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Introduction and first reading

OFFICIAL STATUS

Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying body-gripping trap provisions; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.903.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.903, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.903 ~~USE OF~~ BODY-GRIPPING TRAPS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Placing traps.** A person may not set, place, or operate, except as a ~~waterset~~
1.8 water set, a body-gripping or conibear-type trap on public lands and waters that has a
1.9 maximum jaw opening when set greater than ~~6-1/2~~ 5-1/2 inches and less than 7-1/2 inches
1.10 measured from the inside edges of the body-gripping portions of the jaws, unless:

1.11 (1) the trap is in a ~~baited or unbaited~~ an enclosure with any opening no greater than 50
1.12 square inches, and the trap trigger is recessed seven inches or more from the top ~~and~~
1.13 frontmost portion, sides, and bottom of the open end any opening of the enclosure;

1.14 (2) the trap is in an enclosure with only one entrance that faces the ground and that is
1.15 no more than six inches from the ground, and the trap trigger is recessed four inches from
1.16 the opening;

1.17 ~~(2)~~ (3) no bait, lure, or other attractant is placed within ~~20~~ 100 feet of the trap, the
1.18 maximum jaw opening when set is no more than 6-1/2 inches as measured from the inside
1.19 edges of the body-gripping portions of the jaws, and no part of the body-gripping surface
1.20 is more than eight inches above the ground; or

1.21 ~~(3)~~ (4) the trap is elevated at least ~~three~~ four feet above the surface of the ground or
1.22 snowpack.

2.1 Subd. 2. Road right-of-way. (a) A person may not set, place, or operate a body-gripping
2.2 trap with a maximum jaw opening when set of more than 6-1/2 inches as measured from
2.3 the inside edges of the body-gripping portions of the jaws in the road right-of-way within
2.4 500 feet of a building occupied by a human or livestock without written permission of the
2.5 occupant or landowner.

2.6 (b) A person may not set, place, or operate a body-gripping trap that has a maximum
2.7 jaw opening when set of greater than 5-1/2 inches when measured from the inside edges of
2.8 the body-gripping portions of the jaws in or within three feet of the opening of a six-foot-wide
2.9 or smaller culvert in the road right-of-way.

2.10 (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply to a completely submerged water set.

2.11 **Sec. 2. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

2.12 The revisor of statutes shall delete the term "conibear" or "conibear-type" wherever the
2.13 term appears in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules and make conforming grammatical
2.14 changes.