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03/01/2021	604	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance See SF814, Sec. 49

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A bill for an act

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relating to natural resources; providing for taking nuisance bear by wildlife control

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operators; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.415.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97B.415, is amended to read:

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97B.415 TAKING BEAR TO PROTECT PROPERTY; SPECIAL PERMIT FOR

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TAKING NUISANCE BEAR.

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(a) A person may take a bear at any time to protect the person's property. The person

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must report the bear taken to a conservation officer within 48 hours. The bear may be

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disposed of as prescribed by the commissioner.

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(b) The commissioner must issue a bear control special permit according to section

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97A.401 for 12 or more wildlife control operators to take nuisance bear by live trapping

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and relocating the bear. When a bear is trapped and released, an enforcement officer or a

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wildlife manager may approve the release location. The commissioner must provide specific

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training to wildlife control operators who are issued a permit under this paragraph, including

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a refresher course every five years. The commissioner may not charge a fee for the bear

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control special permit or training. A wildlife control operator with a special permit issued

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under this paragraph may use remote surveillance equipment to monitor live traps.