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A bill for an act

relating to game and fish; modifying blaze orange hunting requirements to allow

blaze pink; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.071.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.071, is amended to read:

**97B.071 BLAZE ORANGE CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS; BLAZE**

**ORANGE OR BLAZE PINK.**

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(a) Except as provided in rules adopted under paragraph (c), a person may not hunt

or trap during the open season where deer may be taken by firearms under applicable laws

and ordinances, unless the visible portion of the person's cap and outer clothing above the

waist, excluding sleeves and gloves, is blaze orange or blaze pink. Blaze orange or blaze

pink includes a camouflage pattern of at least 50 percent blaze orange or blaze pink within

each foot square. This section does not apply to migratory waterfowl hunters on waters of

this state or in a stationary shooting location or to trappers on waters of this state.

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(b) Except as provided in rules adopted under paragraph (c), and in addition to

the requirement in paragraph (a), a person may not take small game other than turkey,

migratory birds, raccoons, and predators, except while trapping, unless a visible portion of

at least one article of the person's clothing above the waist is blaze orange or blaze pink.

This paragraph does not apply to a person when in a stationary location while hunting

deer by archery or when hunting small game by falconry.

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(c) The commissioner may, by rule, prescribe an alternative color in cases where

paragraph (a) or (b) would violate the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, Public

Law 103-141.

2.1 (d) A violation of paragraph (b) shall not result in a penalty, but is punishable only  
2.2 by a safety warning.

2.3 Sec. 2. **RULEMAKING; BLAZE PINK.**

2.4 (a) The commissioner of natural resources shall amend Minnesota Rules, parts  
2.5 6232.2500, 6232.2550, 6232.2560, 6232.3700, and 6232.4400, to allow a person to wear  
2.6 blaze pink as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.071.

2.7 (b) The commissioner may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.8 section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota  
2.9 Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.10 section 14.388.