

## CHAPTER 97B

## HUNTING

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**97B.015 FIREARMS SAFETY AND WILDLIFE IDENTIFICATION COURSE.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall make rules establishing a statewide course in the safe use of firearms and identification of wild mammals and birds. At least one course must be held within the boundary of each school district. The courses must be conducted by the commissioner in cooperation with other organizations. The courses must instruct youths in commonly accepted principles of safety in hunting and handling common hunting firearms and identification of various species of wild mammals and birds by sight and other unique characteristics.

*[For text of subs 2 to 5, see M.S.1988]*

**History:** 1989 c 45 s 1

**97B.031 USE AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS.**

Subdivision 1. **Firearms and ammunition that may be used to take big game.** (a) A person may take big game with a firearm only if:

- (1) the rifle, shotgun, and handgun used is a caliber of at least .23 inches;
  - (2) the firearm is loaded only with single projectile ammunition;
  - (3) a projectile used is a caliber of at least .23 inches and has a soft point or is an expanding bullet type;
  - (4) the ammunition has a case length of at least 1.285 inches;
  - (5) the muzzle-loader used is incapable of being loaded at the breech;
  - (6) the smooth-bore muzzle-loader used is a caliber of at least .45 inches; and
  - (7) the rifled muzzle-loader used is a caliber of at least .40 inches.
- (b) A person may not take big game with a .30 caliber M-1 carbine cartridge.  
 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), clause (4), a person may take big game with a ten millimeter cartridge that is at least 0.95 inches in length.

*[For text of subs 2 to 4, see M.S.1988]*

**History:** 1989 c 153 s 1; 1989 c 287 s 7

**97B.301 DEER LICENSES AND LIMITS.**

*[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 5. **Family hunting license.** A resident family license may be issued by the commissioner. "Family" is defined as a husband, wife, and their children under the age of 18 residing at home. To hunt with a family license, children must be under the age of 18 and enrolled in school. The individual deer limits in subdivision 1 do not apply to the family license. When hunting with a family license, the total limit for the license is one per family member not to exceed four deer.

**History:** 1989 c 335 art 1 s 125

**NOTE:** Subdivision 5, as added by Laws 1989, chapter 335, article 1, section 125, is effective March 1, 1990. See Laws 1989, chapter 335, article 1, section 271.

**97B.603 SMALL GAME PARTY HUNTING.**

While two or more persons are hunting small game as a party and maintaining unaided visual and vocal contact, a member of the party may take and possess more than one limit of small game, but the total number of small game taken and possessed by the party may not exceed the limit of the number of persons in the party that may take and possess small game.

**History:** 1989 c 153 s 2

**97B.655 TAKING ANIMALS CAUSING DAMAGE.**

Subdivision 1. **Owners and occupants may take certain animals.** A person may take mink, squirrel, rabbit, hare, raccoon, lynx, bobcat, fox, muskrat, or beaver on land owned or occupied by the person where the animal is causing damage. The person may take the animal without a license and in any manner except by poison, or artificial lights in the closed season. Raccoons may be taken under this subdivision with artificial lights during open season. A person that kills mink, raccoon, lynx, bobcat, fox, muskrat, or beaver under this subdivision must bring the entire animal to a conservation officer or employee of the division within 24 hours after the animal is killed.

*[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1988]*

**History:** 1989 c 287 s 5

**97B.723 COMMISSIONER MAY LIMIT NUMBER OF TURKEY HUNTERS.**

The commissioner may establish a method, including a drawing, to impartially select persons eligible to take turkeys in an area. Preference must be given to persons that have previously applied in the general selection but have not been selected.

**History:** 1989 c 29 s 1

**97B.905 FUR BUYING AND SELLING LICENSES.****Subdivision 1. License requirement.**

(a) A person may not buy or sell raw furs without a fur buying and selling license, except a taxidermist licensed under section 97A.475, subdivision 19, and a fur manufacturer are not required to have a license to buy raw furs from a person with fur buying and selling licenses.

(b) An employee, partner, or officer buying or selling only for a raw fur dealer licensee at an established place of business licensed under section 97A.475, subdivision 21, clause (a), may obtain a supplemental license under section 97A.475, subdivision 21, clause (b).

*[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1988]*

**History:** 1989 c 287 s 6