

CHAPTER 97A

GAME AND FISH

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97A.065 DEDICATION OF CERTAIN RECEIPTS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. Fines and forfeited bail. (a) Fines and forfeited bail collected from prosecutions of violations of: the game and fish laws; sections 84.091 to 84.15; sections 84.81 to 84.91; section 169.121, when the violation involved an off-road recreational vehicle as defined in section 169.01, subdivision 86; chapter 348; and any other law relating to wild animals or aquatic vegetation, must be paid to the treasurer of the county where the violation is prosecuted. The county treasurer shall submit one-half of the receipts to the commissioner and credit the balance to the county general revenue fund except as provided in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d). In a county in a judicial district under section 480.181, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), as added in Laws 1999, chapter 216, article 7, section 26, the share that would otherwise go to the county under this paragraph must be submitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

(b) The commissioner must reimburse a county, from the game and fish fund, for the cost of keeping prisoners prosecuted for violations under this section if the county board, by resolution, directs: (1) the county treasurer to submit all fines and forfeited bail to the commissioner; and (2) the county auditor to certify and submit monthly itemized statements to the commissioner.

(c) The county treasurer shall submit one-half of the receipts collected under paragraph (a) from prosecutions of violations of sections 84.81 to 84.91, and 169.121, except receipts that are surcharges imposed under section 357.021, subdivision 6, to the state treasurer and credit the balance to the county general fund. The state treasurer shall credit these receipts to the snowmobile trails and enforcement account in the natural resources fund.

(d) The county treasurer shall indicate the amount of the receipts that are surcharges imposed under section 357.021, subdivision 6, and shall submit all of those receipts to the state treasurer.

[For text of subd 5, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 243 art 11 s 1

NOTE: The amendment to subdivision 2 by Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 11, section 1, is effective July 1, 2000, with respect to counties in the fifth, seventh, and ninth judicial districts. Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 11, section 13.

97A.075 USE OF LICENSE REVENUES.

Subdivision 1. Deer and bear licenses. (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "deer license" means a license issued under section 97A.475, subdivisions 2, clauses (4), (5), and (9), and 3, clauses (2), (3), and (7), and licenses issued under section 97B.301, subdivision 4.

(b) At least \$2 from each deer license shall be used for deer habitat improvement or deer management programs.

(c) At least \$1 from each deer license and each bear license shall be used for deer and bear management programs, including a computerized licensing system. Fifty cents from each deer license is appropriated for emergency deer feeding. Money appropriated for emergency deer feeding is available until expended. When the unencumbered balance in the appropriation for emergency deer feeding at the end of a fiscal year exceeds \$1,500,000 for the first time, \$750,000 is canceled to the unappropriated balance of the game and fish fund.

Thereafter, when the unencumbered balance in the appropriation for emergency deer feeding exceeds \$1,500,000 at the end of a fiscal year, the unencumbered balance in excess of \$1,500,000 is canceled and available for deer and bear management programs and computerized licensing.

[For text of subds 2 to 5, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 249 s 11

97A.095 WATERFOWL PROTECTED AREAS.

Subdivision 1. **Migratory waterfowl refuges.** The commissioner shall designate by rule any part of a state game refuge as a migratory waterfowl refuge if there is presented to the commissioner a petition signed by ten resident licensed hunters describing an area that is primarily a migratory waterfowl refuge. The commissioner shall post the area as a migratory waterfowl refuge. A person may not enter a posted migratory waterfowl refuge during the open migratory waterfowl season unless accompanied by or under a permit issued by a conservation officer or game refuge manager. Upon a request from a private landowner within a migratory waterfowl refuge, an annual permit must be issued to provide access to the property during the waterfowl season. The permit shall include conditions that allow no activity which would disturb waterfowl using the refuge during the waterfowl season.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 81 s 1

97A.475 LICENSE FEES.

[For text of subds 1 to 13, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 15. **Fishing guides.** The fee for a license to operate a charter boat and guide anglers on Lake Superior or the St. Louis river estuary is:

(1) for a resident, \$35;

(2) for a nonresident, \$140; or

(3) if another state charges a Minnesota resident a fee greater than \$140 for a Lake Superior or St. Louis river estuary fishing guide license in that state, the nonresident fee for a resident of that state is that greater fee.

[For text of subds 16 to 43, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 57 s 1