

**97A.56 FERAL SWINE.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "feral swine" means a member of the genus and species *Sus scrofa* that lives in the wild.

Subd. 2. **Prohibited actions; penalty.** (a) A person may not possess or release feral swine or swine that were feral during any part of the swine's lifetime or allow feral swine to run at large.

(b) A person may not hunt or trap feral swine, except as authorized by the commissioner for feral swine control or eradication. It is not a violation of this section if a person shoots a feral swine and reports the taking to the commissioner within 24 hours. All swine taken in this manner must be surrendered to the commissioner.

(c) A person who violates this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. **Authorized removal of feral swine.** A person authorized under game and fish laws to take feral swine is not liable to the owner for the value of the animals.

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