

**97A.325 PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY BUYING OR SELLING WILD ANIMALS.**

Subdivision 1. **Gross misdemeanor for sales of \$300 or more.** (a) A person that buys or sells protected wild animals in violation of the game and fish laws where the sales total \$300 or more is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. The person is subject to the penalty in section 97A.301, subdivision 2, except that the fine may not be less than \$3,000 or more than \$10,000.

(b) Licenses possessed by a person convicted under this subdivision are null and void and the person may not take wild animals for three years after the conviction.

Subd. 2. **Deer; bear; moose; elk; caribou.** Except as provided in subdivision 1, a person that violates a provision of the game and fish laws relating to buying or selling deer, bear, moose, elk, or caribou is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. **Small game and game fish.** Except as provided in subdivision 1, a person that buys or sells small game or game fish in violation of the game and fish laws where the sales total \$50 or more is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Subd. 4. **Fur-bearing animals.** Except as provided in subdivision 1, a person that buys fur-bearing animals in violation of the game and fish laws is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

**History:** 1986 c 386 art 1 s 50; 1987 c 149 art 1 s 23; 1991 c 254 art 2 s 27