97C.611 TURTLE SPECIES; LIMITS.

Subdivision 1. **Snapping turtles.** A person may not possess more than three snapping turtles of the species *Chelydra serpentina*. Until new rules are adopted under section 97C.605, a person may not take snapping turtles of a size less than ten inches wide including curvature, measured from side to side across the shell at midpoint. After new rules are adopted under section 97C.605, a person may only take snapping turtles of a size specified in the adopted rules.

Subd. 2. **Western painted turtles.** (a) A person may not possess more than three Western painted turtles of the species *Chrysemys picta*. Western painted turtles must be between 4 and 5-1/2 inches in shell length.

(b) This subdivision does not apply to persons acting under section 97C.605, subdivision 2c, paragraph (a).

Subd. 3. MS 2022 [Repealed by amendment, 2023 c 60 art 4 s 75]

Subd. 4. **Other species.** A person may not possess any other species of turtle except with an aquatic farm or private fish hatchery license with a turtle endorsement or as specified under section 97C.605, subdivision 2c.

History: *1986 c 386 art 3 s 54; 1989 c 266 s 4; 2002 c 351 s 24; 1Sp2021 c 6 art 2 s 76; 2023 c 60 art 4 s 75*