

1.1 Fischer and Heintzeman from the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
1.2 Finance and Policy to which was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 1531, A bill for an act relating to game and fish; removing expiration of
1.4 crossbow hunting and fishing allowance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section
1.5 97B.037.

1.6 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.7 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.8 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 97B.037, is amended to read:

1.9 **97B.037 CROSSBOW HUNTING AND FISHING.**

1.10 ~~(a)~~ Notwithstanding section 97B.035, subdivisions 1 and 2, a person may take deer,
1.11 bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish by crossbow during the respective regular
1.12 archery seasons. The transportation requirements of section 97B.051 apply to crossbows
1.13 during the regular archery deer, bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish season.
1.14 Crossbows must meet the requirements of section 97B.106, subdivision 2. A person taking
1.15 deer, bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish by crossbow under this section must
1.16 have a valid license to take the respective game.

1.17 ~~(b) This section expires June 30, 2026.~~

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

1.19 Correct the title numbers accordingly

1.20 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General
1.21 Register.

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This Committee action taken March 12, 2026

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