

Subject Nontoxic Ammunition

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Overview

This bill would prohibit the use of lead ammunition when hunting and establish a civil penalty for violations. It would require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to notify hunters of the new requirement as well as establish certain programs to assist with the transition to the use of nontoxic ammunition.

Summary

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1	Nontoxic ammunition required.
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Subd. 1. Lead ammunition prohibited. Prohibits a person from using or possessing lead ammunition when hunting with firearms.

Subd. 2. Hunter notification. Requires the DNR to notify hunters of the requirements of this section.

Subd. 3. Civil penalty. Establishes a civil penalty of \$500 for the first offense and a penalty of at least \$1,000 but not more than \$5,000 for subsequent offenses.

Subd. 4. Nontoxic ammunition vouchers. Requires the DNR, to the extent funding is available, to establish a voucher program to provide hunters with free or reduced-price nontoxic ammunition and report back to the legislature on the implementation of the program.

Subd. 5. Nontoxic shot buy-back and exchange program. Requires the DNR, to the extent funding is available, to establish a program to buy back lead ammunition and provide opportunities to exchange lead ammunition for nontoxic ammunition.

Subd. 6. Exemption. Exempts peace officers, other government officials or employees, or their agents from the requirements of the section when carrying out a duty required by law.

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2	<p>Appropriations. Appropriates unspecified amounts in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for the nontoxic shot voucher program and the nontoxic shot buy-back and exchange program required under the bill.</p>
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