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Article 1: Game and Fish Policy

Overview

This article contains a number of game and fish policy changes including:

- a majority of the policy provisions recommended by the Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) that were contained in the department's game and fish bill as introduced, including:
 - § changes to the restrictions on the importation and transportation of minnows (with modifications);
 - § provisions necessary for the establishment of wolf hunting and trapping seasons (with modifications);
 - § modifications to blaze orange requirements; and
 - § provisions allowing the physically disabled to use mechanical/electronic devices during special hunts;
- other provisions, including:
 - § provisions allowing the sale of game and fish licenses in the case of a state shutdown (H.F. 2343);
 - § modifications to snowmobile registration and state trail sticker requirements (H.F. 1796) and the use of metal traction devices (H.F. 1797); and
 - § establishment of a walk-in access program.

- 1 **Mission; efficiency.** Amends § 84.027, subd. 14. Adds planning, and implementing activities designed to recruit and retain anglers, hunters, trappers, campers, and other outdoor recreation participants to the DNR's mission.
- 2 **Electronic transactions.** Amends § 84.027, subd. 15. States that game and fish licenses are available through the electronic licensing system (ELS) even if the biennial appropriation for the DNR has not been enacted. Provides a statutory appropriation from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget to carry out this section until the biennial appropriation is enacted and allows the commissioner to transfer a portion of the funds to other agencies to carry out these activities.
- 3 **Authority.** Amends § 84.085, subd. 1. Requires land donated to the DNR to clearly state whether the state may resell it and requires the commissioner to notify the landowner of the option to express in the deed whether the state may resell the land.
- 4 **Application, issuance, issuing fee.** Amends § 84.82, subd. 2. Removes a requirement that temporary snowmobile registration permits indicate whether a state trail sticker was purchased (no longer necessary due to the modification of state trail sticker requirements in the next sections).
- 5 **Fees for registration.** Amends § 84.82, subd. 3. Increases the three year snowmobile registration fee from \$45 to \$75, and the fee for registration transfers or duplicates from \$4 to \$10. The \$30 increase reflects the current fee for the state trail sticker that is added to the registration fee in this act.
- 6 **Exemptions.** Amends § 84.82, subd. 6. Exempts snowmobiles registered by tribal governments that have not been outside of the tribal reservation boundary for more than 30 consecutive days.
- 7 **Sticker required; fee.** Amends § 84.8205, subd. 1. Modifies state trail sticker requirements to apply only to those not registered in the state (the registration fee for a snowmobile was increased the equivalent of the state trail sticker in section two) and sets the fees at \$35 for a one-year sticker purchased by an individual, and \$15 for a one-year sticker purchased by a dealer or manufacturer. Also increases the state trail sticker fee charged to an individual who violates this requirement from \$30 to \$70 (twice the fee charged to individuals). Maintains existing exemptions from state trail sticker requirements for those exempt from registration requirements (snowmobiles owned by the U.S. government, tribal governments, and others). Removes a provision allowing temporary permits issued by dealers to include the state trail sticker (no longer necessary).
- 8 **Money deposited in the account.** Amends § 84.83, subd. 8. Requires fees from issuing snowmobile state trail stickers to be deposited in the snowmobile trails and enforcement account.
- 9 **Purposes for the account; allocation.** Amends § 84.83, subd. 3. Requires 60 percent of the funds collected from snowmobile registrations and state trail stickers to be spent on grants-in-aid to develop, maintain, and groom snowmobile trails and acquire easements.
- 10 **Prohibition.** Amends § 84.8712, subd. 1. Allows the use of snowmobile metal traction devices on paved trails unless the trail has been designated as closed by the local government unit responsible for the trail or the commissioner of natural resources (for state trails). Currently, a trail/portion of a trail is closed to such use unless the local government unit or commissioner designates it open to the use.
- 11 **Bait harvest from infested waters.** Amends § 84D.03, subd. 3. Allows the harvest of bullheads, goldeyes, mooneyes, and other fish from infested streams or rivers for use as bait by noncommercial anglers provided certain conditions are met.
- 12 **Exemptions.** Amends § 86B.301, subd. 2. Increases, from nine feet to ten feet, the length requirement for nonmotorized watercraft for purposes of an exemption from licensing requirements. Provides an effective date of January 1, 2013.

- 13 Watercraft 19 feet or less.** Amends § 86B.415, subd. 1. Clarifies the license fee for certain watercrafts by excluding canoes, kayaks, sailboards, paddle boats, and rowing shells (moved into a separate category in the next section) from the licensing requirements for watercrafts 19 feet or less in length. Provides an effective date to January 1, 2013.
- 14 Canoes, kayaks, sailboards, paddle boards, paddle boats, or rowing shells.** Amends § 86B.415, subd. 1a. Establishes a \$10.50 license fee for all canoes, kayaks, sailboards, paddle boards, paddle boats, and rowing shells that are over ten feet in length. Provides an effective date to January 1, 2013.
- 15 Watercraft over 19 feet.** Amends § 86B.415, subd. 2. Technical.
- 16 Shooting range performance standards.** Amends § 87A.01, subd. 4. Modifies the definition of "shooting range performance standards" to refer to the National Rifle Association's *Range Source Book: A Guide to Planning and Construction* as provided in the next section.
- 17 Best Practices.** Amends § 87A.02, subd. 2. Establishes the National Rifle Association's *Range Source Book: A Guide to Planning and Construction* as the standard for best practices for shooting ranges (the commissioner's ability to adopt standards is repealed later on in this act).
- 18 Public shooting ranges; accessibility.** Adds § 87A.09. Requires publicly owned/managed shooting ranges that are funded with public funds in the seven-county metropolitan area and that are not in a city of the first class or at a location that holds offenders to be made available for use by participants in firearms safety instruction courses twice during the spring and twice during the summer, allows a fee to be charged, and specifies additional requirements.
- 19 Bonus permit.** Amends § 97A.015, subd. 3a. Adds a license under the new antlerless deer license provisions for landowners/tenants to the definition of "bonus permit."
- 20 Unprotected wild animals.** Amends § 97A.015, subd. 53. Technical. Removes "brush wolf" from the description of coyote for purposes of the unprotected wild animal definition.
- 21 License donations and surcharges.** Amends § 97A.065, subd. 6. Appropriates the revenues from the nonresident deer license surcharge and the deer license donations currently funding deer management and the venison donation program, and the new small game license donations to the commissioner for administration of the walk-in access program. The \$1 surcharge on bonus deer licenses would continue to be available for deer management and the venison donation program.
- 22 Deer, bear, and lifetime licenses.** Amends § 97A.075, subd. 1. Removes a requirement of the commissioner to inform the legislature, every two years, how money for emergency deer feeding and wild cervidae health management has been spent.
- 23 Wolf licenses.** Adds § 97A.075, subd. 7. Defines "wolf license" and requires revenue from these licenses to be credited to a new wolf management and monitoring account (established in the section) and used only for wolf management research, damage control, enforcement, and education.
- 24 Vacating refuges open to hunting.** Adds § 97A.085, subd. 9. Allows the commissioner to vacate, by publishing a notice in the State Register, a game refuge that has been open to trapping and hunting small game, deer or bear by archery, and deer or bear by firearms for at least five years. Currently the commissioner must follow the same process used to establish the game refuge in order to vacate the refuge.
- 25 Migratory waterfowl sanctuary.** Amends § 97A.095, subd. 1. Allows the commissioner to designate part of a state game refuge or a portion of public waters as a migratory waterfowl sanctuary without requiring a petition signed by ten licensed hunters as currently required. Requires the commissioner to consider designating an area when presented with a petition signed by at least ten residents. Prohibits a person from entering a migratory waterfowl sanctuary, unless accompanied by a

DNR employee or under permit, during times designated by the commissioner (currently the restriction only applies during the open migratory waterfowl season).

- 26 Waterfowl feeding and resting areas.** Amends § 97A.095, subd. 1. Allows the commissioner to designate a part of a lake as a migratory feeding and resting area if there is adequate free public access (currently the commissioner must receive a petition signed by ten local resident hunters). Requires the commissioner to consider an area for designation when presented with a petition signed by at least ten residents. Requires a public notice and comment period of 30 days.
- 27 Walk-in access program.** Adds § 97A.126.
- Subd. 1. Establishment.** Establishes a walk-in access program to allow public access to private lands for hunting purposes (trapping is excluded).
- Subd. 2. Use of enrolled lands.** Requires a person to have a walk-in access hunter validation between September 1 to May 31 in order to hunt on lands enrolled in the program. Limits hunting to one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Prohibits the use of motorized vehicles on the lands unless the hunter has a disability permit to hunt from a motor vehicle issued by the commissioner and the use is restricted to established trails or field roads. Applies certain public use restrictions and regulations that apply to WMAs to lands enrolled in the program, and prohibits certain activities, including the harvesting of bait, dog training, and constructing or maintaining buildings or other structures.
- Subd. 3. Rulemaking.** Allows the commissioner to adopt rules to implement the program.
- 28 Portable stands.** Amends § 97A.137, subd. 5. Provides additional options for a person leaving a portable stand overnight in a WMA when hunting bear by allowing the person to use his/her driver's license number, Minnesota DNR license number (MDNR#), or name and address to identify the stand (currently a person is required to display his/her name and address on the stand).
- 29 Replacement deer licenses.** Amends § 97A.405, subd. 4. Technical.
- 30 Replacement turkey licenses.** Adds § 97A.405, subd. 4a. Allows the commissioner to issue replacement turkey hunting licenses to those who want to change permit areas/time periods if the person submits the original license and unused tags and pays the replacement license fee of \$5 established in section 43.
- 31 Issuance of a big game license after conviction.** Amends § 97A.421, subd. 3. Prohibits a person from taking deer for one year if convicted of taking a deer using bait. Doubles big game license revocation periods for those convicted of any violation involving the taking of a trophy deer.
- 32 Application for license.** Amends § 97A.431, subd. 3. Increases the moose hunting license application fee from \$3 to \$4.
- 33 Application for license.** Amends § 97A.433, subd. 3. Increases the elk hunting license application fee from \$3 to \$4.
- 34 Application for license.** Amends § 97A.435, subd. 3. Increases the turkey hunting license application fee from \$3 to \$4.
- 35 Owners or tenants of agricultural land.** Amends § 97A.441, subd. 7. Allows the commissioner to issue an antlerless deer license to owners or resident tenants of at least 80 acres of agricultural land without a lottery in deer permit areas that allow the taking of antlerless deer without a lottery application and exempts deer taken under these licenses from the total bag limit for the permit area.
- 36 Residents under age 16; small game.** Amends § 97A.451, subd. 3. Prohibits wolves from being taken by a resident under age 16 unless the resident has a wolf trapping license (currently residents

under the age of 13 may trap without a license and a resident under 16 may trap small game without a small game license).

- 37 Residents under age 16; big game.** Amends § 97A.451, subd. 4. Modifies provisions related to youth big game hunting to apply only to residents (the next section establishes a similar provision for nonresidents).
- 38 Nonresidents under age 16; big game.** Amends § 97A.451, subd. 4a. Codifies existing provisions for nonresident youth big game hunting with one change to require nonresident 10 and 11 year olds to obtain a big game license and pay the license fee (currently resident and nonresident 10 and 11 year olds are exempt from paying the big game license fee).
- 39 Lifetime small game hunting license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 3. Excludes wolf hunting and trapping from the lifetime small game hunting license.
- 40 Lifetime sporting license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 5. Excludes wolf hunting and trapping from the lifetime sporting license.
- 41 Lifetime sporting with spearing option license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 5a. Excludes wolf hunting and trapping from the lifetime sporting license with the spearing option.
- 42 Resident hunting.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 2. Establishes a resident wolf hunting license fee of \$30.
- 43 Nonresident hunting.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 3. Establishes a nonresident wolf hunting license fee of \$250.
- 44 Deer license donation and surcharge.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 3a. Removes a requirement that the annual deer hunting regulations include a statement about the venison donation program.
- 45 Small game surcharge and donation.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 4. Allows a person to donate \$1, \$3, or \$5 when obtaining a small game license to be donated to the walk-in access program.
- 46 Trapping licenses.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 20. Establishes a wolf trapping license fee of \$30 for residents and prohibits licenses from being issued to nonresidents.
- 47 Replacement licenses.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 44. Establishes a \$5 fee for replacement turkey hunting licenses.
- 48 License applications; collection of social security numbers.** Amends § 97A.482. Removes obsolete language.
- 49 Taking with firearms in certain areas.** Amends § 97B.001, subd. 7. Modifies the trespass law to allow a person in a shooting preserve to take a wild animal within 500 feet of a building occupied by a person or livestock without written permission. Defines "stockade or corral" for purposes of the trespass law to mean a fenced enclosure for containing livestock that encloses an area no greater than one acre (an individual is not allowed to shoot a firearm within 500 feet of a stockade or corral unless they have permission of the owner).
- 50 Firearms and ammunition that may be used to take big game and wolves.** Amends § 97B.031, subd. 1. Makes the taking of wolves subject to the same firearm restrictions as the taking of big game.
- 51 Handguns for small game.** Amends § 97B.031, subd. 2. Adds a cross reference to the firearms restrictions for taking wolves proposed in the previous section.
- 52 Minimum draw weight.** Amends § 97B.035, subd. 1a. Adds wolves to the list of animals that, when taken by bow, must be taken using a bow with a pull that meets or exceeds 30 pounds at or before full

draw (currently this is required for big game and turkey).

- 53 Hunter satisfaction survey.** Amends § 97B.063. Requires the DNR to collect hunter information on participation and satisfaction.
- 54 Blaze orange requirements.** Amends § 97B.071. Exempts a person from blaze orange clothing requirements applicable when hunting small game if the person is in a stationary location while hunting deer by archery or hunting small game by falconry.
- 55 Hunting restricted between evening and morning.** Amends § 97B.075. Allows wolves to be taken between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.
- 56 Communication excepted.** Amends § 97B.085, subd. 3. Allows radio use between a handler and a dog and remote controlled motorized decoys for taking migratory waterfowl or mourning doves by exempting their use from the prohibition on using radio equipment when taking big and small game.
- 57 Use of mechanical or electronic assistance to hold and discharge firearms or bows by physically disabled.** Adds § 97B.1115. Allows a person with a verified statement of disability from a physician, certified nurse practitioner, or certified physician assistant to use a mounted firearm or bow, or any electronic/mechanical device to discharge a firearm or bow as long as they are present at the site.
- 58 Baiting prohibited.** Amends § 97B.328. Modifies provisions restricting the use of bait when taking deer to define "baiting" as "placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering bait that is capable of attracting or enticing deer." Modifies the exemption from the baiting ban for liquid scents to apply only when they do not contain liquid or solid food ingredients. Modifies the exemption for farming practices to clarify it is for "agricultural crops" and does not exempt agricultural crops that have been re-introduced and concentrated where a person is hunting.
- 59 Bear license required; application.** Amends § 97B.401. Establishes a \$4 application fee for bear hunting licenses and prohibits a person from making more than one application.
- 60 Nonresidents; trapping small game.** Amends § 97B.601, subd. 3a. Prohibits a nonresident from trapping wolves on land the nonresident owns. Currently, nonresidents may trap small game on land they own if they have a trapping and small game license.
- 61 Exception to license requirements.** Amends § 97B.601, subd. 4. Prohibits wolves from being taken by a resident under age 16 unless the resident has a wolf trapping license (currently residents under the age of 13 may trap without a license and a resident under 16 may take small game without a small game license). Prohibits a person from taking wolves at their primary residence without a license (a person is currently allowed to take small game at their primary residence without a license). Exempts wolf hunting and trapping from the small game license requirement.
- 62 Taking small game as a party.** Amends § 97B.603. Exempts wolves from the list of small game allowed to be taken as a party. Allows another licensed wolf hunter to assist another wolf hunter.
- 63 Commissioner may restrict taking of certain small game animals.** Amends § 97B.605. Allows the commissioner to restrict the taking and possession of wolves.
- 64 Open season.** Amends § 97B.645, subd. 9. Technical.
- 65 Taking wolves.** Amends § 97B.647.

Subd. 1. License required. Requires a person to have a hunting or trapping license to take a wolf. (A person would be able to take a wolf to protect human life, livestock, and pets without a license and certified predator controllers participating in the DNR's wolf control program would also not be required to have a license.)

Subd. 2. Open season. Allows wolves to be taken by legal firearm, bow and arrow, or by trap. Establishes an open firearms season for wolves beginning on the same day as the open firearms deer hunting season. Allows the commissioner to prescribe open seasons according to the subdivision.

Subd. 3. Open areas. Allows the commissioner to designate areas, by rule, where wolves may be taken.

Subd. 4. Daily and possession limits. Allows the commission to establish a daily and possession limits, by rule, for wolves.

Subd. 5. Limit on number of hunters and trappers. Allows the commissioner to limit the number of persons who may take a wolf in an area in order to prevent overharvest. Requires the commissioner to establish a method that includes a drawing for impartially selecting licensees for an area.

Subd. 6. Application for license. Requires a person to apply for a hunting or trapping license and pay a \$4 application fee to be used to cover the costs of conducting the drawing and for wolf management and provide proof that the person has a current or prior year hunting license. Permits only one application to be made; anyone making more than one application is disqualified for the season.

Subd. 7. Quotas. Allows the commissioner to set annual quotas for wolves by rule and close the season when the quota is met.

- 66 Removal of beavers, beaver dams, and lodges by road authorities and local government units.** Amends § 97B.667. Allows a local government units to kill beaver that are causing damage to property they own, including damage to silvicultural projects and drainage ditches. Removes a requirement that a road authority consult with the Board of Water and Soil Resources prior to implementing a local beaver control program and allows local government units to also implement the programs.
- 67 Predator control payments.** Amends § 97B.671, subd. 3. Allows the commissioner to determine payments for coyote and fox control by publishing them in the State Register and removes minimum and maximum payment amounts that currently apply. States that the fees are not subject to rulemaking.
- 68 Wolf control.** Amends § 97B.671, subd. 4. Allows the commissioner to determine payments for certified wolf predator controllers by publishing them in the State Register and removes the current established payment rate of \$150. States that the fees are not subject to rulemaking.
- 69 Seasons for certain upland game birds.** Amends § 97B.711, subd. 1. Eliminates a law passed in 2008 that required the commissioner to establish a four week fall turkey season in the 601 permit area (which includes a large portion of the metropolitan area).
- 70 Hunter must be concealed.** Amends § 97B.805, subd. 1. Allows a person to take migratory waterfowl, coots, or rails in open water in areas designated by the commissioner.
- 71 Registration and tagging of fur-bearing animals.** Amends § 97B.901. Requires the whole carcass of a wolf, with the pelt removed, to be registered before the pelt is sold and no later than 48 hours after the season closes. Allows the commissioner to require the carcass or samples from it to be surrendered.
- 72 Use of body-gripping traps.** Adds § 97B.903. Prohibits the use of body-gripping traps (except for watersets) that are more than seven and one-half inches wide except under certain conditions.

- 73 Identification required.** Amends § 97C.355, subd. 1. Technical (related to the next section).
- 74 Portable shelters.** Adds § 97C.355, subd. 2a. Requires a person using a portable shelter while on the ice to remain within 200 feet of the shelter unless the shelter is identified with the person's name and address, driver's license, or DNR license number as required of fish houses, dark houses, and other shelters.
- 75 Dates for certain species.** Amends § 97C.395, subd. 1. Establishes a winter season for brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and splake on lakes within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) from January 15 to March 31, and from January 1 to March 31 for lakes outside of the BWCA (this is the same as the winter seasons for lake trout).
- 76 Permit for transportation.** Amends § 97C.515, subd. 2. Requires imported live minnows being transported through the state under permit from the commissioner to be in a tagged container. Modifies health certification requirements applicable to the minnows being transferred to require certification for viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) only and to require disclosure of any incidentally isolated replicating viruses.
- 77 Private fish hatchery or aquatic farm.** Amends § 97C.515, subd. 4. Requires, beginning July 1, 2013, live minnows used for fish feeding by licensed fish hatcheries/aquatic farms to come from Minnesota and allows the use of dead minnows from outside the state only if they have followed the documentation and labeling requirements applicable to imported frozen/dead fish.
- 78 Special permits.** Amends § 97C.515, subd. 5. Allows the commissioner to issue a special permit to allow a private fish hatchery to import live minnows from other states if the fish hatchery has been designated a "containment facility" under existing provisions. Requires a permit to include conditions necessary to avoid spreading aquatic invasive species and fish pathogens and prohibits permits from being issued to a facility in a 25-year floodplain. States that the facilities are subject to inspections and allows the commissioner to require evidence of financial responsibility at the time of application.
- 79 Shallow lake.** Adds § 103G.005, subd. 11a. Defines "shallow lake" as a body of water, excluding a stream, that is greater than or equal to 50 acres in size and 15 or less feet in maximum depth.
- 80 Temporary drawdown of public waters.** Amends § 103G.408. Allows the commissioner to temporarily drawdown a shallow lake to be managed for fish, wildlife, or ecological purposes after the commissioner has conducted a public hearing and states that these drawdowns are not to be considered takings from riparian landowners.
- 81 Recreational purpose.** Amends § 604A.21. Adds "noncommercial aviation activities" to the definition of "recreational purpose" for purposes of landowner liability exemptions that apply to landowners allowing persons to use their lands without receiving payment.
- 82 Fish and Wildlife Management.** Amends Laws 2011, ch. 2, art. 1, § 4, subd. 6. Allows the DNR to use funds appropriated from the heritage enhancement account for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 for grants to organizations for programs that promote the state's outdoor heritage to children and adults and for securing public shooting range availability in the metropolitan area for firearms safety instruction courses.
- 83 Rulemaking; trout seasons.** Requires the commissioner to amend rules to conform with the new winter seasons for brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and splake established in this act and allows the commissioner to use the good cause exemption from rulemaking to do so.
- 84 Rulemaking; restitution value for wolves.** Requires the commissioner to decrease the restitution value for wolves from \$2,000 to \$500 and allows the commissioner to use the good cause exemption from rulemaking to do so.

- 85 Rulemaking; use of snares.** Requires the commissioner to amend Minnesota Rules regarding the use of snare to take wolves, including providing a definition of "wolf snare" as described in the act and providing restrictions on the use of snares. Allows the commissioner to use the good cause exemption from rulemaking to do so.
- 86 Transition; snowmobile registration.** Requires individuals to continue to display a valid snowmobile state trail sticker, if required, until renewing their registration under the new registration provisions established in this act.
- 87 Public hearings; Twin Lakes Scientific and Natural Area.** Requires the commissioner to hold public hearings on the issue of whether hunting should be allowed in the Twin Lakes Scientific and Natural Area by September 1, 2012.
- 88 Records management; legislative report.** Requires the commissioner to submit a report to the legislature on developing a records management system for the Division of Enforcement.
- 89 Report to legislature.** Requires the commissioner, after consultation with the aquaculture industry, to report to the legislature on the risks of introducing invasive carp through transportation of fish between water bodies and include any recommended changes to state law or rules.
- 90 Revisor's instruction.** Requires the Revisor to remove "gray" from in front of "wolf" or "wolves" wherever it appears in statute or rule and to make technical changes to rules regarding the use of snares.
- 91 Repealer.** Repeals §§ 87A.02, subd. 1 (adoption of shooting range performance standards); § 97A.045, subds. 8 (MN/WI game and fish license reciprocity agreement for nonresidents owning property in state) and 13 (elk and deer removal requests in bovine TB zone); § 97A.065, subd. 1 (fish and turtle sales taken when removing rough fish revenue dedicated to that purpose); § 97A.095, subd. 3 (prohibiting waterfowl hunting on Muskrat Lake); § 97A.331, subd. 7 (gross misdemeanor for taking a wolf); § 97A.485, subd. 12 (\$5.50 youth deer firearms license without a tag); § 97A.552 (executive order regarding fish taken in Canada); § 97B.645, subd. 2 (permit required to use a snare to take a wolf); and § 97C.031 (lakes with unbalanced fish populations list). Section 17.4993, subdivision 2, which prohibits the importation of live minnows except under certain circumstances is repealed effective July 1, 2013.

Article 2:

Overview

This article modifies and raises the fee for a number of game and fish licenses.

- 1 Land acquisition restriction.** Adds § 97A.055, subd. 6. Prohibits funds in the game and fish fund, except for hunting and fishing stamp revenues and the small game surcharge, from being used to acquire land in fee or easement.
- 2 Deer, bear, and lifetime licenses.** Amends § 97A.075, subd. 1. Requires \$.50 from each annual deer license and \$.50 annually for each lifetime deer license issued to be credited to the wolf management and monitoring account.
- 3 License period.** Amends § 97A.411, subd. 1. Clarifies that short-term licenses are valid for the time period of the license even if they cross over license years and clarifies the license period for a three-year angling license.
- 4 Validity of license when age or residency status changes.** Amends § 97A.431, subd. 3. States that a license to take a wild animal remains valid for the rest of the license period even if the licensee's age,

residency, or qualification status changes.

- 5 Eligibility.** Amends § 97A.435, subd. 2. Removes eligibility requirements for turkey licenses regarding age and possession of a firearms safety certificate.
- 6 Residents under age 16; small game.** Modifies resident small game hunting requirements for those under age 16 by removing a requirement that they obtain a free license and instead allows them to hunt without a license. Requires residents under age 13 to obtain a free turkey license in order to take a turkey. Allows 13 year olds to apply for a prairie chicken license without a firearm's safety certificate if they are accompanied by an adult who has one (this is currently allowed for those 12 and under).
- 7 Nonresidents under age 18; small game.** Adds § 97A.451, subd. 3b. Allows nonresident youth ages 16 and 17 to obtain a small game license if they have a firearms safety certificate. Allows the following nonresidents under 16 to take small game by obtaining a free license:
- 14 and 15 year olds with a firearms safety certificate;
 - 13 year olds with a firearms safety certificate who are accompanied by a parent/guardian; and
 - 12 year olds accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- 8 Persons under age 13; big game.** Amends § 97A.451, subd. 4. Allows a person age 10, 11, or 12 to take big game if they are under the direct supervision of a parent/guardian.
- 9 Nonresident youth; angling.** Amends § 451, subd. 5. Requires nonresident 16 and 17 year olds to purchase a fishing license for a \$5 fee.
- 10 Lifetime angling license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 2. Increases the fees for resident lifetime angling licenses.
- 11 Lifetime angling license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 2b. Increases the fees for resident lifetime angling licenses with the spearing option.
- 12 Lifetime small game license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 3. Increases the fees for resident lifetime small game hunting licenses.
- 13 Lifetime deer hunting license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 4. Increases the fees for resident lifetime deer hunting licenses.
- 14 Lifetime sporting license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 5. Increases the fees for resident lifetime sporting licenses.
- 15 Nonresident lifetime angling license; fee.** Amends § 97A.474, subd. 2. Increases the fees for nonresident lifetime angling licenses.
- 16 Resident hunting.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 2. Increases various resident hunting fees, including a \$3 increase in the small game license fee and a \$4 increase in the firearms, archery, and muzzleloader deer license fees. Reduces various youth hunting fees to \$5, including the firearms, muzzleloader, and archery deer hunting fees, turkey hunting fees and small game hunting fees. Establishes a 72-hour small game license for a fee of \$19.
- 17 Nonresident hunting.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 3. Increases various nonresident hunting fees, including a \$17.50 increase in the small game license fee and a \$25 increase in the firearms, archery, and muzzleloader deer license fees (the increase is \$2 for nonresident youth deer hunting licenses). Establishes a 72-hour nonresident small game license for a fee of \$75.

- 18 Small game surcharge.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 4. Exempts the new 72-hour small game licenses and resident small game youth licenses for 16 and 17 year olds from the existing small game surcharge.
- 19 Resident fishing.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 6. Increases fishing license fees, including the angling license fee for those 18 years and older from \$17 to \$22. Reduces the fee for spear fishing to \$5 and requires an angling license to be purchased in order to spear. Establishes fees for new fishing licensing options, including a 72-hour license for \$12, and a three-year license for \$63. Reduces the angling license fee for 16 and 17 year olds to \$5.
- 20 Nonresident fishing.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 7. Increases nonresident fishing license fees, including the fee for nonresidents 18 years and older from \$38.50 to \$40. Reduces the fee for nonresident spear fishing to \$10 and requires an angling license to be purchased in order to spear. Reduces the angling license fee for 16 and 17 year old nonresidents to \$5. Increases the nonresident fishing license surcharge from \$2 to \$5.
- 21 Minnesota sporting; super sports.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 8. Increases the annual license fees for existing Minnesota sporting licenses and establishes a new Minnesota super sporting license available to residents that allows the taking of fish by angling, small game, and deer (includes trout, pheasant, and waterfowl stamp validations). The fee for the new super sporting license is \$92.50 for an individual, or \$118.50 for a married couple (which allows both to fish and one to take small game and deer).
- 22 Fish houses, dark houses, and shelters; residents.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 11. Increases the resident license fees for fish houses, dark houses, and shelters.
- 23 Fish houses, dark houses, and shelters; nonresidents.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 12. Increases the nonresident license fees for fish houses, dark houses, and shelters.
- 24 Trapping license.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 20. Increases the resident trapping license fees for adults and reduces the trapping license fee for those over age 13 and under 18 to \$5 (from \$6).
- 25 Duplicate licenses.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 43. Establishes a \$2 duplicate license fee for the new Minnesota super sporting license.
- 26 Replacement licenses.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 44. Exempts the new Minnesota super sporting license from the \$5 replacement fee for replacing firearms deer license.
- 27 Camp Ripley archery deer hunt.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 46. Increases the application fee for Camp Ripley archery hunting from \$8 to \$12.
- 28 Electronic licensing system commission.** Amends § 97A.485, subd. 7. Allows the commissioner to keep all issuing fees collected when issuing licenses by removing existing exemptions.
- 29 Firearms safety certificate required.** Amends § 97B.020. Technical.
- 30 Stamp required.** Amends § 97B.715, subd. 1. Exempts residents and nonresidents hunting under the new 72-hour small game hunting license from the pheasant stamp requirement and exempts nonresident youth from the requirement and requires nonresidents over age 65, currently not required to get one to do so.
- 31 Minnesota migratory waterfowl stamp required.** Amends § 97B.801. Exempts residents and nonresidents hunting under the new 72-hour small game hunting license from the migratory waterfowl stamp requirement.
- 32 Requirement.** Amends § 97C.305, subd. 1. Exempts 17 and 18 year olds from trout and salmon

stamp requirements.

- 33** **Exception.** Amends § 97C.305, subd. 2. Exempts those fishing under a 72-hour fishing license from trout and salmon stamp requirements.
- 34** **Transfer; invasive species account.** Transfers \$500,000 from the game and fish fund to the invasive species account in fiscal year 2013.
- 35** **Transfer; walk-in access account.** Transfers \$616,000 from the venison donation account to the walk-in access account.
- 36** **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the invasive species account in fiscal year 2013 to be added to the appropriation to the DNR for invasive species activities in the omnibus finance bill passed last session.
- 37** **Repealer.** Repeals §§ 97A.451, subds. 3a (nonresident youth small game hunting license fees) and 7 (exemption for those 65 and older from spearing license requirements).
- 38** **Effective date.** States that sections 2 to 33, and 37 are effective March 1, 2013.