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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of natural resources to consider the state's constitutional amendment, stated below, when adopting game and fish rules and when making certain funding decisions and recommendations. It also requires the commissioner to ensure that hunting and fishing are preserved for the people, as provided under the constitutional amendment.

“Hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish are a valued part of our heritage that shall be forever preserved for the people and shall be managed by law and regulation for the public good”
(Minnesota Constitution, article XIII, section 12, adopted November 3, 1998).

Section

- 1 Game and fish rules.** Amends § 84.027, subd. 13. Requires the commissioner of natural resources to consider, in writing, the impact of game and fish rules on the state's hunting and fishing heritage when adopting those rules and to ensure that hunting and fishing are preserved as provided under the state's constitution.
- 2 Duty to preserve hunting and fishing.** Adds § 97A.045, subd. 14. Requires the commissioner to ensure that hunting and fishing are equally preserved as provided under the state's constitution and to consider, in writing, the impact of funding decisions or recommendations on the state's game and fish taking heritage.