

Subdivision 1. STUDY. The supreme court shall study racial bias in the judicial system in Minnesota. The court shall appoint an advisory task force to assist with the study.

Subd. 2. CONTENTS. The study must examine the extent to which racial bias exists in the judicial system, including the existence of discriminatory treatment of litigants, witnesses, jurors, judges, attorneys, and court personnel who are members of racial minorities. The study should:

(1) identify positions within the judicial system including, but not limited to, judges, judicial clerks, court reporters, judicial administrators and their staff, county attorneys, public defenders and their staff, and identify minority representation or underrepresentation in the positions;

(2) review sentencing patterns to see if the length or conditions of sentences vary based on the defendant's race;

(3) review the jury selection process, including grand juries, to determine the representation or underrepresentation of minority populations on juries and determine if the use of peremptory strikes varies based on the juror's race; and

(4) review other aspects of court operations as appropriate to identify patterns of different and unequal treatment of racial minority persons.

The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 1993. In the interim, the task force may report findings as parts of the study are completed.

Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

\$50,000 in fiscal year 1991 is appropriated from the general fund to the supreme court to carry out the study under section 1. This is a one-time appropriation and is available until expended.

Presented to the governor April 26, 1990

Signed by the governor May 4, 1990, 11:14 p.m.

CHAPTER 558—S.F.No. 1703

An act relating to natural resources; authorizing the enforcement of certain natural resource laws by conservation officers; increasing the penalty for wrongful destruction or removal of no trespassing signs; prohibiting shooting at decoys under certain circumstances; prohibiting deer stands on highway right-of-way; amending Minnesota Statutes 1988, sections 97A.205; 97B.055, subdivision 1; and 97B.325.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 97A.205, is amended to read:

97A.205 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POWERS.

An enforcement officer is authorized to:

(1) execute and serve court issued warrants and processes relating to wild animals, wild rice, public waters, water pollution, conservation, and use of water, in the same manner as a constable or sheriff;

(2) enter any land to carry out the duties and functions of the division;

(3) make investigations of violations of the game and fish laws;

(4) take an affidavit, if it aids an investigation;

(5) arrest, without a warrant, a person who is detected in the actual violation of the game and fish laws, a provision of chapters 84, 84A, 85, 86A, 88 to 106A, 361, sections 89.51 to 89.61; or 609.66, subdivision 1, clauses (1), (2), (5), and (7); and 609.68; and

(6) take an arrested person before a court in the county where the offense was committed and make a complaint.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 97B.055, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO HIGHWAYS.** (a) A person may not discharge a firearm or an arrow from a bow on, over, or across an improved public highway at a big game animal. A person may not discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within the right-of-way of an improved public highway at a big game animal. The commissioner may by order extend the application of this subdivision to the taking of migratory waterfowl in designated locations.

(b) A person may not discharge a firearm or an arrow from a bow on, over, across, or within the right-of-way of an improved public highway at a decoy of a big game animal that has been set out by a licensed peace officer.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 97B.325, is amended to read:

97B.325 DEER STAND RESTRICTIONS.

A person may not take deer from a constructed platform or other structure that is located within the right-of-way of an improved public highway or is higher than 16 feet above the ground. The height restriction does not apply to a portable stand that is chained, belted, clamped, or tied with rope.

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Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor April 26, 1990

Signed by the governor May 3, 1990, 5:31 p.m.

CHAPTER 559—S.F.No. 1670

An act relating to natural resources; prohibiting transportation of Eurasian or Northern water milfoil; providing exceptions; providing penalties for not removing Eurasian or Northern water milfoil from watercraft; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 361.03, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [18.317] EURASIAN OR NORTHERN WATER MILFOIL.

Subdivision 1. TRANSPORTATION PROHIBITED. Except as provided in subdivision 2, a person may not transport Eurasian or Northern water milfoil, myriophyllum spicatum or exalbescens, on a road or highway, as defined in section 160.02, subdivision 7, or on forest roads.

Subd. 2. EXCEPTION. A person may transport Eurasian or Northern water milfoil, myriophyllum spicatum or exalbescens, for disposal as part of a harvest or control activity.

Subd. 3. LAUNCHING OF WATERCRAFT WITH EURASIAN OR NORTHERN WATER MILFOIL PROHIBITED. (a) A person may not place a trailer or launch a watercraft with Eurasian or Northern water milfoil attached into waters of the state. A conservation officer or other licensed peace officer may order the removal of Eurasian or Northern water milfoil from a trailer or watercraft before being placed or launched into waters of the state.

(b) For purposes of this section, the meaning of watercraft includes a float plane and "waters of the state" has the meaning given in section 105.37, subdivision 7.

Subd. 4. ENFORCEMENT. This section may be enforced by conservation officers under sections 97A.205 and 97A.211, and other licensed peace officers.

Subd. 5. PENALTY. A person who violates subdivision 1 or 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor. A person who refuses to obey the order of a peace officer or conservation officer to remove Eurasian or Northern water milfoil from a trailer or watercraft is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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