vices associations, and the representatives of communities of color shall review and make recommendations to the chairs of the legislative committees on health and human services, judiciary, family services, and crime prevention on possible alternative dispute resolution or fair hearing procedures to be used in reviewing and resolving issues of alleged maltreatment and determinations of whether child protective services are needed. The purpose of the alternative dispute resolution process shall be to provide a prompt and nonadversarial opportunity to resolve allegations of maltreatment. The commissioner shall make these recommendations by January 15, 1996.

Presented to the governor May 16, 1995

Signed by the governor May 18, 1995, 11:37 a.m.

CHAPTER 188-S.F.No. 155

An act relating to wild animals; authorizing poultry farmers to trap great horned owls; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 97B.705.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 97B.705, is amended to read:

97B.705 RESTRICTIONS ON TRAPPING BIRDS.

- (a) Except as provided in this section, a person may not take a bird with a steel jaw leg-hold trap mounted on a pole, post, tree stump, or other perch more than three feet above the ground.
- (b) A person that has a game farm license and a permit to take great horned owls issued under United States Code, title 16, section 704, may trap great horned owls from April 1 to October 15 if the person has a game farm license or is the owner or operator of a poultry farm. The trap must be a padded jaw trap as prescribed by the commissioner and mounted at a height so that the trapped owl may rest on the ground. The trap must be tended at least twice daily. Uninjured birds shall be released alive and injured birds shall receive appropriate veterinary treatment.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 16, 1995

Became law without the governor's signature May 18, 1995

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by strikeout.