

graph (a), clause (1), licensed peace officers may use devices designed to silence or muffle the discharge of a firearm for tactical emergency response operations. Tactical emergency response operations include execution of high risk search and arrest warrants, incidents of terrorism, hostage rescue, and any other tactical deployments involving high risk circumstances. The chief law enforcement officer of a law enforcement agency that has the need to use silencing devices must establish and enforce a written policy governing the use of the devices.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision 1a, paragraph (a), clause (1), until July 1, 2011, an enforcement officer, as defined in section 97A.015, subdivision 18, a wildlife area manager, an employee designated under section 84.0835, or a person acting under contract with the commissioner of natural resources, at specific times and locations that are authorized by the commissioner of natural resources may use devices designed to silence or muffle the discharge of a firearm for wildlife control operations that require stealth. If the commissioner determines that the use of silencing devices is necessary under this paragraph, the commissioner must:

(1) establish and enforce a written policy governing the use, possession, and transportation of the devices;

(2) limit the number of the silencing devices maintained by the Department of Natural Resources to no more than ten; and

(3) keep direct custody and control of the devices when the devices are not specifically authorized for use.

### Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following enactment.

Presented to the governor May 24, 2005

Signed by the governor May 27, 2005, 4:15 p.m.

## CHAPTER 103—S.F.No. 1371

*An act relating to local government; increasing compensation of watershed district managers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 103D.315, subdivision 8.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 103D.315, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **COMPENSATION.** The compensation of managers for meetings and for performance of other necessary duties may not exceed \$55 ~~\$75~~ a day. Managers are entitled to reimbursement for traveling and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

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### CHAPTER 104—H.F.No. 419

*An act relating to game and fish; modifying protection status of great horned owls; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 97A.015, subdivision 52; 97B.701, by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 97A.015, subdivision 52, is amended to read:

Subd. 52. **UNPROTECTED BIRDS.** "Unprotected birds" means English sparrow, blackbird, starling, magpie, cormorant, common pigeon, chukar partridge, quail other than bob-white quail, and mute swan, and great horned owl.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 97B.701, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. **GREAT HORNED OWL.** A person who is authorized to take a great horned owl under a federal permit does not need a state permit to take a great horned owl.

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### CHAPTER 105—S.F.No. 1908

*An act relating to natural resources; establishing the Shooting Range Protection Act; requiring expedited rulemaking; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 87A.*

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

Section 1. **[87A.01] DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **APPLICABILITY.** The definitions in this section apply to sections 87A.01 to 87A.08.

Subd. 2. **PERSON.** "Person" means an individual, association, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, club, political subdivision, or other legal entity.

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