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A bill for an act

relating to game and fish; allowing portable deer stands to be erected and left unattended on public lands during deer season; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97B.326.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97B.326, is amended to read:

97B.326 STANDS AND BLINDS ON PUBLIC LANDS.

(a) Any unoccupied permanent stand or blind on public land is public and not the property of the person who constructed it.

(b) Portable deer stands may be erected and left unattended on public lands, including, but not limited to, wildlife management areas, during the period beginning one day prior to the deer season for which the stand is being used and ending the day after the season for which it is being used. The portable deer stand must not do any permanent damage. Spikes or nails driven into trees are prohibited on portable deer stands allowed under this paragraph, but screwing or clamping devices are allowed. A portable deer stand that is left unattended on public lands between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise must have the "MDNR#" license identification number issued to the person who erected the stand legibly displayed on the portable deer stand. A person may not have more than one unattended portable deer stand erected on public land and marked with the person's "MDNR#" license identification number. A portable deer stand erected on public land does not grant the person erecting it an exclusive right to use the area. An unoccupied portable stand that is in compliance with this paragraph is not public and is the property of the person who erected it.