

CHAPTER 100

QUADRUPEDS, BIRDS

100.27 Seasons.

100.29 Restrictions and prohibitions.

100.31 Firearms, bows and arrows; discharge on highways.

100.27 SEASONS.*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1982]*

Subd. 2. Deer, moose and bear may be taken in such areas of the state, under such restrictions and on such dates within the periods hereafter prescribed as the commissioner may, by order, provide:

(1) Deer and bear by bow and arrow; legal muzzle loading firearms as defined in section 100.29, subdivision 3, clause (2), or both, between September 1 and December 31 and in any areas of the state designated by the commissioner;

(2) Deer, by legal firearms and with bow and arrow, between November 1 and December 15, with the length of the season to be determined by the commissioner; and

(3) Moose, between January 1 and December 31 as determined by the commissioner, by legal firearms and with bow and arrow, in areas of the state, and under such restrictions and on such dates as the commissioner may by order provide; for purposes of this section a split season in any one calendar year shall be considered as one season.

[For text of subds 3 to 8, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 9. In addition to the season prescribed in subdivision 2, clause (1), bear may be taken in such areas of the state, under such restrictions, and on such dates as the commissioner may, by order, provide. Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent a person from taking a bear to protect his property. Such taking shall be reported to a conservation officer within 48 hours. Bear so taken may thereafter be disposed of in the same manner as provided in section 97.50, subdivision 5, for the disposition of wild animals unlawfully taken.

History: 1983 c 216 art 1 s 19; 1983 c 281 s 1

100.29 RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS.*[For text of subds 1 to 7, see M.S.1982]*

Subd. 8. It shall be unlawful to hunt or trap, or assist therein, in any zone open for the taking of deer with the use of firearms, during such open season, unless the visible portion of the hunter's or trapper's cap and outer garments, above the waist excluding sleeves if any and excluding gloves, shall be bright red or blaze orange or covered therewith.

[For text of subd 9, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 9a. Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from September 1 to December 31, it is unlawful to cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight or other artificial light in any field, woodland or forest for the purpose of spotting, locating or taking any wild animal except for taking raccoons in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 10.

It is not a violation of this subdivision for any person to carry out any agricultural, occupational or recreational practice, including snowmobiling, which is not related to spotting, locating or taking any wild animal.

[For text of subds 10 to 33, see M.S.1982]

History: 1983 c 369 s 2,3

100.31 FIREARMS, BOWS AND ARROWS; DISCHARGE ON HIGHWAYS.

No person shall discharge any firearm or bow and arrow upon, over, or across any improved public highway at any big game animal, or while such person is within the limits of the right-of-way of any improved public highway. The commissioner by order may extend the application of this prohibition to the taking of migratory waterfowl in specifically designated locations.

History: 1983 c 352 s 1