

## CHAPTER 97B

## HUNTING

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**97B.020 FIREARMS SAFETY CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.**

Except as provided in this section, a person born after December 31, 1979, may not obtain a license to take wild animals by firearms. A person may obtain a hunting license if the person has a firearms safety certificate or equivalent certificate, previous hunting license, or other evidence indicating that the person has completed in this state or in another state a hunter safety course recognized by the department under a reciprocity agreement. A person who is on active duty and has successfully completed basic training in the United States armed forces, reserve component, or national guard may obtain a hunting license or approval authorizing hunting regardless of whether the person is issued a firearms safety certificate.

**History:** 1991 c 63 s 1

**97B.055 DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND BOWS AND ARROWS.**

*[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1990]*

**Subd. 3. Hunting from vehicle by disabled hunters.** The commissioner may issue a special permit, without a fee, to discharge a firearm or bow and arrow from a stationary motor vehicle to a licensed hunter that is temporarily or permanently physically unable to walk without crutches, braces, or other mechanical support, or who has a physical disability which substantially limits the person's ability to walk. The physical disability and the substantial inability to walk must be established by medical evidence verified in writing by a licensed physician. A person with a temporary disability may be issued an annual permit and a person with a permanent disability may be issued a permanent permit.

*[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1990]*

**History:** 1991 c 241 s 7

**97B.085 USE OF RADIOS TO TAKE ANIMALS.**

*[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1990]*

**Subd. 3. Communication excepted.** This section does not prohibit the use of one-way radio communication between a handler and a dog.

**History:** 1991 c 166 s 1

**97B.106 CROSSBOW PERMITS FOR HUNTING.**

The commissioner may issue a special permit, without a fee, to take deer or turkey with a crossbow to a person that is unable to hunt by archery because of a permanent or temporary physical disability. To qualify a person for a special permit under this section, a temporary disability must render the person unable to hunt by archery for a minimum of two years after application for the permit is made. The permanent or temporary disability, established by medical evidence, and the inability to hunt by archery for the required period of time must be verified in writing by a licensed physician. The person must obtain the appropriate license. The crossbow must:

- (1) be fired from the shoulder;
- (2) deliver at least 42 foot-pounds of energy at a distance of ten feet;
- (3) have a stock at least 30 inches long;
- (4) have a working safety; and
- (5) be used with arrows or bolts at least ten inches long with a broadhead.

**History:** 1991 c 241 s 8

#### **97B.111 SPECIAL FIREARM HUNTING SEASONS FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED.**

The commissioner may establish criteria, special seasons, and limits for persons who have a physical disability to take big game and small game with firearms and by archery in designated areas. A person hunting under this section who has a physical disability must have a verified statement of the disability by a licensed physician and must be participating in a program for physically disabled hunters sponsored by a nonprofit organization. A license is not required for a person to assist a physically disabled person hunting during a special season under this section.

**History:** 1991 c 72 s 1

#### **97B.601 SMALL GAME LICENSES.**

*[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.S.1990]*

**Subd. 4. Exception to license requirements.** (a) A resident under age 16 may take small game without a small game license, and a resident under age 13 may trap without a trapping license, as provided in section 97A.451, subdivision 3.

(b) A person may take small game without a small game license on land occupied by the person as a principal residence.

(c) An owner or occupant may take certain small game causing damage without a small game or trapping license as provided in section 97B.655.

(d) A person may use dogs to pursue and tree raccoons under section 97B.621, subdivision 2, during the closed season without a license.

(e) A person may take turkey without a small game license.

**History:** 1991 c 254 art 2 s 34

#### **97B.721 LICENSE REQUIRED TO TAKE TURKEY.**

A person may not take turkey without a turkey license.

**History:** 1991 c 254 art 2 s 35

#### **97B.731 MIGRATORY BIRDS.**

**Subdivision 1. Migratory game birds.** (a) Migratory game birds may be taken and possessed. A person may not take migratory game birds in violation of federal law.

(b) The commissioner shall prescribe seasons and limits for migratory birds in accordance with federal law.

*[For text of subs 2 and 3, see M.S.1990]*

**History:** 1991 c 259 s 20

**NOTE:** Subdivision 1, as added by Laws 1991, chapter 259, section 20, is effective July 1, 1992. See Laws 1991, chapter 259, section 25.

#### **97B.803 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL SEASONS AND LIMITS.**

The commissioner shall prescribe seasons, limits, and areas for taking migratory waterfowl in accordance with federal law.

**History:** 1991 c 259 s 21

**NOTE:** This section, as added by Laws 1991, chapter 259, section 21, is effective July 1, 1992. See Laws 1991, chapter 259, section 25.

**97B.935 USE OF VEHICLES FOR TRAPPING BEAVER AND OTTER.**

*[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1990]*

**Subd. 3. Special permit for disabled.** The commissioner may issue a special permit, in the manner provided in section 97B.055, subdivision 3, to use a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle to transport or check beaver or otter traps or to transport beaver or otter carcasses or pelts to a licensed trapper physically unable to walk as specified in section 97B.055, subdivision 3.

**History:** 1991 c 241 s 9