

97A.525 TRANSPORTATION OF WILD ANIMALS BY COMMON CARRIER.

Subdivision 1. **Residents.** A resident may transport wild animals within the state by common carrier without being in the vehicle if the resident has the license required to take the animals and they are shipped to the resident. The wild animals that may be transported by common carrier are:

- (1) deer, bear, elk, and moose;
- (2) undressed game birds; and
- (3) fish.

Subd. 2. **Nonresidents.** A nonresident may transport wild animals by common carrier without being in the vehicle if the nonresident has the license required to take the animals and they are shipped to the nonresident.

Subd. 3. **Employee of carrier.** An employee of a carrier may not transport wild animals as baggage while performing duties for the carrier.

Subd. 4. **Statement required for protected wild animals.** A person that transports protected wild animals by common carrier, including animals carried in baggage, must attach a statement to each shipment. The statement must include the name, address, and license number of the person shipping the animals, the number and species of the animals in the shipment, and the signature of the licensee.

Subd. 5. **Carrier must be shown shipper's license.** A common carrier may not accept a shipment of big or small game unless the carrier is shown the license of the shipper to take the game.

Subd. 6. **Waybill must specify animals.** The waybill or receipt issued by a common carrier to a shipper must specify the number and species of wild animals being shipped.

Subd. 7. **Animals in possession of shipper.** Wild animals that are transported by common carrier are considered to be in the possession of the shipper.

History: 1986 c 386 art 1 s 76; 1987 c 373 s 10