

**97A.505 POSSESSION OF WILD ANIMALS.**

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1987 c 149 art 1 s 54]

Subd. 2. **Possession of unlawful animals brought into state prohibited.** (a) A person may not possess a wild animal that has been unlawfully taken, bought, sold, or possessed outside the state, or unlawfully shipped into the state.

(b) When entering the state from Canada, a person who possesses fish that were unlawfully taken or possessed under paragraph (a) may be charged in the same manner as for possessing fish that were unlawfully taken or possessed in the state.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1987 c 149 art 1 s 54]

Subd. 3a. **Transportation of animals into state.** Wild animals lawfully taken, bought, sold, or possessed outside the state may be brought or shipped into the state unless otherwise provided by law.

Subd. 3b. **Wild animals taken on Red Lake Reservation lands within Northwest Angle.** Wild animals taken and tagged in accordance with the Red Lake Band's Conservation Code on the Red Lake Reservation lands in Minnesota north of the 49th parallel shall be considered lawfully taken and possessed under state law.

Subd. 4. **Storage of protected wild animals.** A person that stores protected wild animals for others must plainly mark the package, in ink, with the name and address of the owner, the license number of the person taking the animal, and the number and species in the package.

Subd. 5. **License not required for animals acquired by gift.** Lawfully taken protected wild animals may be transferred by gift. A person is not required to have a license to possess and transport protected wild animals acquired by gift.

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 1987 c 149 art 1 s 54]

Subd. 7. **Exceptions.** This section does not apply to mounted specimens of wild animals, antlers, tanned hides, and dressed furs lawfully taken.

Subd. 8. **Importation of hunter-harvested cervidae.** Importation into Minnesota of hunter-harvested cervidae carcasses from known chronic wasting disease endemic areas, as determined by the Board of Animal Health, is prohibited except for cut and wrapped meat, quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, antlers, hides, teeth, finished taxidermy mounts, and antlers attached to skull caps that are cleaned of all brain tissue. Hunter-harvested cervidae carcasses taken from chronic wasting disease endemic areas outside of Minnesota may be transported on a direct route through the state by nonresidents.

Subd. 9. **Possession of live cervidae.** A person may not possess live cervidae, except as authorized in sections 17.452, 35.153, and 35.155 or 97A.401.

**History:** 1986 c 386 art 1 s 72; 1987 c 149 art 1 s 34,35; 1993 c 231 s 30,31; 2000 c 406 s 1; 2003 c 128 art 1 s 75,76; 2004 c 215 s 16; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 97; 2007 c 131 art 1 s 31; 1Sp2011 c 2 art 5 s 35