

97A.505 POSSESSING WILD ANIMALS.

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 [Repealed, 1987 c 149 art 1 s 54]

Subd. 2. **Unlawfully obtained or shipped animals brought into state.** (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 [Repealed, 1987 c 149 art 1 s 54]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. **Transporting 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. **Storing 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. **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 [Repealed, 1987 c 149 art 1 s 54]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. **Importing hunter-harvested Cervidae.** Importing hunter-harvested Cervidae carcasses into Minnesota 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 outside of Minnesota may be transported on a direct route through the state by nonresidents.

Subd. 9. **Possessing 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; 1Sp2019 c 4 art 3 s 53