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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying bear baiting restrictions; amending
- 1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.425.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.425, is amended to read:
- 1.6 **97B.425 BAITING BEARS.**
- 1.7 (a) Notwithstanding section 609.68, a person may place bait to take bear and must
- 1.8 display a tag at each site where bait is placed and register the sites. The commissioner
- 1.9 shall prescribe the method of tagging and registering the sites. To attract bear a person
- 1.10 may not use a bait with:
- 1.11 (1) a carcass from a mammal, if the carcass contains more than 25 percent of the
- 1.12 intact carcass;
- 1.13 (2) meat from mammals, if the meat contains bones;
- 1.14 (3) bones of mammals;
- 1.15 (4) solid waste containing bottles, cans, plastic, paper, or metal;
- 1.16 (5) materials that are not readily biodegradable; or
- 1.17 (6) any part of a swine, except cured pork.
- 1.18 (b) Notwithstanding the restrictions in paragraph (a), a person may place bait within
- 1.19 a reusable metal container to take bear. The metal container must be:
- 1.20 (1) designed to restrict other scavenging animals from taking the bait at night; and
- 1.21 (2) removed from the site by the end of the bear season.