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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 restrictions on using artificial lights to locate  
1.3 animals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.081, subdivision 2.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.081, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Without firearms.** (a) ~~Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.~~

1.7 From September 1 to December 31, a person may not cast the rays of a spotlight,  
1.8 headlight, or other artificial light in a field, woodland, or forest to spot, locate, or take a  
1.9 wild animal except:

1.10 (1) to take raccoons under section 97B.621, subdivision 3, or;

1.11 (2) to tend traps under section 97B.931; or

1.12 (3) to tend snares for fox or coyote.

1.13 (b) ~~Between one-half hour after sunset until sunrise,~~ A person may not cast the rays  
1.14 of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light to spot, locate, or take a wild animal on  
1.15 ~~fenced, agricultural land containing livestock, as defined in section 17A.03, subdivision~~  
1.16 ~~5, or poultry private property that is marked~~ posted with signs prohibiting the shining of  
1.17 lights. The signs must:

1.18 (1) display ~~reflectorized~~ letters that are at least two inches in height and state "no  
1.19 shining" or similar terms; ~~and~~

1.20 (2) bear the name of the owner, occupant, or lessee of the posted property; and

1.21 (3) be placed at intervals of 1,000 feet or less along the boundary of the area.

1.22 (c) Paragraph (b) does not apply to a person tending traps under section 97B.931,

1.23 taking raccoons under section 97B.621, subdivision 3, or tending snares for fox or coyote.

2.1 (d) It is not a violation of paragraph (a) or (b) for a person to carry out any  
2.2 agricultural, occupational, or recreational practice, including snowmobiling that is not  
2.3 related to spotting, locating, or taking a wild animal.

2.4 ~~(d)~~ (e) Between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., a person may not project a  
2.5 spotlight or hand-held light onto residential property or building sites from a moving  
2.6 motor vehicle being operated on land, ~~except for the following purposes:~~

2.7 ~~(1) safety;~~

2.8 ~~(2) emergency response;~~

2.9 ~~(3) normal vehicle operations; or~~

2.10 ~~(4) performing an occupational duty.~~

2.11 (f) This subdivision does not apply to artificial lights used for:

2.12 (1) safety and emergency response;

2.13 (2) normal vehicle operation on a roadway;

2.14 (3) performing an occupational duty; or

2.15 (4) recovering wild animals lawfully taken.