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**HOUSE FILE No. 128**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; removing bow and gun case requirements; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97A.091, subdivision 1; 97B.036; 97B.045,  
1.4 subdivision 1; 97B.051; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97B.035,  
1.5 subdivision 2; 97B.045, subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.091, subdivision 1, is amended to  
1.8 read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. ~~Hunting and possession of firearms.~~ Except as provided in  
1.10 subdivision 2, a person may not take a wild animal, except fish, within a state game refuge.

1.11 ~~A person may not carry within a refuge:~~

1.12 ~~(1) a firearm unless the firearm is unloaded and contained in a case, or unloaded~~  
1.13 ~~and broken down; or~~

1.14 ~~(2) an uncased bow.~~

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.036, is amended to read:

1.16 **97B.036 CROSSBOW HUNTING DURING FIREARMS SEASON.**

1.17 Notwithstanding section 97B.035, ~~subdivisions~~ subdivision 1 ~~and 2~~, a person may  
1.18 take deer, bear, or turkey by crossbow during the respective regular firearms seasons.

1.19 ~~The transportation requirements of section 97B.051 apply to crossbows during the regular~~  
1.20 ~~firearms deer, bear, or turkey season.~~ Crossbows must meet the requirements of section

1.21 97B.106, subdivision 2. A person taking deer, bear, or turkey by crossbow under this  
1.22 section must have a valid firearms license to take the respective game.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.045, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.2 Subdivision 1. ~~Restrictions~~ **Transportation of a firearm.** A person who may  
 2.3 legally possess a firearm may ~~not~~ transport a firearm in a motor vehicle ~~unless the firearm~~  
 2.4 ~~is:~~

2.5 ~~(1) unloaded and in a gun case expressly made to contain a firearm, and the case~~  
 2.6 ~~fully encloses the firearm by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened,~~  
 2.7 ~~and without any portion of the firearm exposed;~~

2.8 ~~(2) unloaded and in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle; or~~

2.9 ~~(3) a handgun carried in compliance with sections 624.714 and 624.715~~ without the  
 2.10 firearm being encased, unloaded, or in the trunk of the vehicle unless prohibited under  
 2.11 section 97B.081 or 97B.086.

2.12 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.051, is amended to read:

2.13 **97B.051 TRANSPORTATION OF ARCHERY BOWS.**

2.14 ~~Except as specified under section 97B.055, subdivision 2;~~ A person who may  
 2.15 legally possess an archery bow may ~~not~~ transport an archery bow in a motor vehicle  
 2.16 ~~unless the bow is:~~

2.17 ~~(1) unstrung;~~

2.18 ~~(2) completely contained in a case; or~~

2.19 ~~(3) in the closed trunk or rear-most enclosed portion of a motor vehicle that is not~~  
 2.20 ~~accessible from the passenger compartment~~ without the bow being encased, unstrung, or  
 2.21 in the trunk of the vehicle unless prohibited under section 97B.081 or 97B.086.

2.22 Sec. 5. **REPEALER.**

2.23 Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97B.035, subdivision 2; and 97B.045, subdivision  
 2.24 2, are repealed.