

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

**H. F. No. 3160**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy
- 03/24/2016 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register  
Read Second Time
- 05/11/2016 Calendar for the Day, Amended  
Read Third Time as Amended  
Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying night vision possession restrictions;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.086.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.086, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.086 POSSESSION OF NIGHT VISION OR THERMAL IMAGING**  
1.7 **EQUIPMENT.**

1.8 (a) A person may not possess night vision or thermal imaging equipment while  
1.9 taking wild animals or while having in possession, either individually or as one of a group  
1.10 of persons, a firearm, bow, or other implement that could be used to take wild animals.

1.11 (b) This section does not apply to a firearm that is:

1.12 (1) unloaded;

1.13 (2) in a gun case expressly made to contain a firearm that fully encloses the firearm  
1.14 by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened without any portion of  
1.15 the firearm exposed; and

1.16 (3) in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle.

1.17 (c) This section does not apply to a bow that is:

1.18 (1) completely encased or unstrung; and

1.19 (2) in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle.

1.20 (d) If the motor vehicle under paragraph (b) or (c) does not have a trunk, the firearm  
1.21 or bow must be placed in the rearmost location of the vehicle.

1.22 (e) This section does not apply to night vision or thermal imaging equipment:

1.23 (1) possessed by peace officers or military personnel while exercising their duties; or

- 2.1 (2) possessed by an employee of a firearm or ammunition manufacturer for the
- 2.2 purposes of testing a firearm, ammunition, or related product.