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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4294

02/26/2024 Authored by Petersburg The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; restricting use of bows near buildings and livestock
1.3 enclosures; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.001, subdivision 7.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.001, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 7. Using firearms and bows and taking in certain areas. (a) Unless otherwise
1.7 provided by law, a person may not discharge a firearm or bow within 500 feet of a building
1.8 occupied by a human or livestock without the written permission of the owner, occupant,
1.9 or lessee:

1.10 (1) on another person's private land, if the land is not a licensed shooting preserve; or

1.11 (2) on a public road right-of-way.

1.12 (b) No person may discharge a firearm or bow within 500 feet of a stockade or corral
1.13 confining livestock for the purpose of normal livestock holding or sorting operations without
1.14 the permission of the owner, occupant, or lessee. This paragraph does not apply to persons
1.15 hunting during an established hunting season on state-owned or local government-owned
1.16 land that is not a road right-of-way. For the purposes of this paragraph, a "stockade or corral"
1.17 means a fenced enclosure for confining livestock that does not enclose an area greater than
1.18 one acre.

1.19 (c) A person may not take a wild animal on any land where the person is prohibited from
1.20 entering by this section.