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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 natural resources; allowing straight-wall cartridge ammunition to be
1.3 used to take deer statewide; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318,
1.4 subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Shotgun use area. During the regular firearms season in the shotgun use
1.8 area, only legal shotguns loaded with single-slug shotgun shells, legal muzzle-loading long
1.9 guns, and legal handguns, and other legal firearms loaded with straight-wall cartridge
1.10 ammunition may be used for taking deer. Legal shotguns include those with rifled barrels.
1.11 The shotgun use area is that portion of the state lying within the following described
1.12 boundary: Beginning on the west boundary of the state at the northern boundary of Clay
1.13 County; thence along the northern boundary of Clay County to State Trunk Highway (STH)
1.14 32; thence along STH 32 to STH 34; thence along STH 34 to Interstate Highway 94 (I-94);
1.15 thence along I-94 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 40, Douglas County; thence along
1.16 CSAH 40 to CSAH 82, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 82 to CSAH 22, Douglas
1.17 County; thence along CSAH 22 to CSAH 6, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 6 to
1.18 CSAH 14, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 14 to STH 29; thence along STH 29 to
1.19 CSAH 46, Otter Tail County; thence along CSAH 46, Otter Tail County, to CSAH 22, Todd
1.20 County; thence along CSAH 22 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to STH
1.21 27; thence along STH 27 to the Mississippi River; thence along the east bank of the
1.22 Mississippi River to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to STH 95; thence along STH 95 to
1.23 U.S. Highway 8; thence along U.S. Highway 8 to the eastern boundary of the state; thence
1.24 along the east, south, and west boundaries of the state to the point of beginning.