

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying requirements for the use of duck decoys;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.811, subdivisions 2, 3.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.811, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Hours for placing decoys.** Except as provided in subdivisions 3 and 4,  
1.7 a person may not place decoys in public waters or on public lands more than one hour  
1.8 before lawful shooting hours for waterfowl unless the person is in constant attendance  
1.9 of the decoys.

1.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.811, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.11 Subd. 3. **Restrictions on leaving decoys unattended.** During the open season for  
1.12 waterfowl, a person may not leave decoys in public waters unattended between sunset and  
1.13 one hour before lawful shooting hours or leave decoys unattended during other times for  
1.14 more than four consecutive hours unless:

1.15 (1) the decoys are in waters adjacent to private land under the control of the hunter;  
1.16 and

1.17 (2) there is not natural vegetation growing in water sufficient to partially conceal  
1.18 a hunter.