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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; providing for special rehabilitation permits to treat
1.3 injured or orphaned wolves; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.401,
1.4 subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.401, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Taking, possessing, and transporting wild animals for certain purposes.**

1.8 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), special permits may be issued without a fee to take,
1.9 possess, and transport wild animals as pets and for scientific, educational, rehabilitative,
1.10 wildlife disease prevention and control, and exhibition purposes. The commissioner shall
1.11 prescribe the conditions for taking, possessing, transporting, and disposing of the wild
1.12 animals.

1.13 (b) A special permit may not be issued to take or possess wild or native deer for
1.14 exhibition, propagation, or as pets.

1.15 (c) Nonresident professional wildlife rehabilitators with a federal rehabilitation permit
1.16 may possess and transport wildlife affected by oil spills.

1.17 (d) The commissioner must not deny a request for special rehabilitation permits under
1.18 paragraph (a) for up to two wildlife rehabilitation master class permit holders for a permit
1.19 to treat injured or orphaned wolves.