

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 2612**

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

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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying bear-baiting restrictions; amending

1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 97B.426.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 97B.426, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.426 BAITING BEAR; USE OF DRUM.**

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding section 97B.425;

1.8 (1) a private landowner or person authorized by the private landowner may use a drum

1.9 to bait bear on the person's private land; and

1.10 (2) a person may use a drum to bait bear on public land after paying a \$5 drum surcharge.

1.11 (b) The drum must be securely chained or cabled to a tree so that it cannot be moved

1.12 from the site by a bear and the drum may not include a mechanical device for dispensing

1.13 feed. The drum must be marked as provided in section 97B.425.

1.14 (c) For purposes of this section, "drum" means a 30 gallon or larger drum.