

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to game and fish; allowing portable bear stands to be left overnight in
1.3 wildlife management areas; allowing use of barrels while baiting bear; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97A.137, by adding a subdivision; 97B.425.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.137, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Portable stands.** Portable stands allowed in wildlife management areas for
1.9 bear hunting may be left overnight for use in hunting bear.

1.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.425, is amended to read:

1.11 **97B.425 BAITING BEARS.**

1.12 (a) Notwithstanding section 609.68, a person may place bait to take bear and must
1.13 display a tag at each site where bait is placed and register the sites. The commissioner
1.14 shall prescribe the method of tagging and registering the sites. The tag displayed at each
1.15 site where bait is placed must contain identification information for a licensed bear hunter
1.16 or a licensed bear outfitter. A person must have the license identification number of the
1.17 person with the bear license in their possession or be a licensed bear outfitter while
1.18 attending a bear bait station. To attract bear a person may not use a bait with:

1.19 (1) a carcass from a mammal, if the carcass contains more than 25 percent of the
1.20 intact carcass;

1.21 (2) meat from mammals, if the meat contains bones;

1.22 (3) bones of mammals;

1.23 (4) solid waste containing bottles, cans, plastic, paper, or metal;

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2.1 (5) materials that are not readily biodegradable, except as provided in paragraph
2.2 (b); or

2.3 (6) any part of a swine, except cured pork.

2.4 (b) A person may use a barrel to bait bear on private land. For purposes of this
2.5 paragraph, "barrel" means a single large cylindrical container that is securely attached to
2.6 the bait site. Barrel does not include a mechanical device for dispensing feed.