

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

**S.F. No. 713**

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>D-PG</b>	<b>OFFICIAL STATUS</b>
01/25/2023		Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to game and fish; expanding use of crossbows during firearms deer season;

1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.036.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.036, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.036 CROSSBOW HUNTING DURING FIREARMS SEASON.**

1.7 Notwithstanding section 97B.035, subdivisions 1 and 2, a person may take deer, bear,

1.8 or turkey by crossbow during the respective firearms seasons. The transportation requirements

1.9 of section 97B.051 apply to crossbows during the firearms deer, bear, or turkey season.

1.10 Crossbows must meet the requirements of section 97B.106, subdivision 2. A person taking

1.11 deer, bear, or turkey by crossbow under this section must have a valid license to take the

1.12 respective game by firearm or, when taking deer, a license to take deer by archery. This

1.13 section does not allow the use of a crossbow by licensed muzzleloader hunters during the

1.14 muzzleloader firearms deer season under section 97B.311.