

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1406, the first engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 7, after line 22, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.031, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.4 Subd. 5. ~~Scopes; visually impaired hunters on muzzleloaders.~~ (a)

1.5 ~~Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the commissioner may issue a special~~
1.6 ~~permit, without a fee, to A person may use a muzzleloader with a scope to take deer~~
1.7 ~~during the muzzleloader season to a person who obtains the required licenses and who has~~
1.8 ~~a visual impairment. The scope may not have magnification capabilities.~~

1.9 ~~(b) The visual impairment must be to the extent that the applicant is unable~~
1.10 ~~to identify targets and the rifle sights at the same time without a scope. The visual~~
1.11 ~~impairment and specific conditions must be established by medical evidence verified in~~
1.12 ~~writing by (1) a licensed physician or a certified nurse practitioner or certified physician~~
1.13 ~~assistant acting under the direction of a licensed physician; (2) a licensed ophthalmologist;~~
1.14 ~~or (3) a licensed optometrist. The commissioner may request additional information from~~
1.15 ~~the physician if needed to verify the applicant's eligibility for the permit.~~

1.16 ~~(c) A permit issued under this subdivision may be valid for up to five years, based~~
1.17 ~~on the permanence of the visual impairment as determined by the licensed physician,~~
1.18 ~~ophthalmologist, or optometrist.~~

1.19 ~~(d) The permit must be in the immediate possession of the permittee when hunting~~
1.20 ~~under the special permit.~~

1.21 ~~(e) The commissioner may deny, modify, suspend, or revoke a permit issued under~~
1.22 ~~this subdivision for cause, including a violation of the game and fish laws or rules.~~

1.23 ~~(f) A person who knowingly makes a false application or assists another in making~~
1.24 ~~a false application for a permit under this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor. A~~
1.25 ~~physician, certified nurse practitioner, certified physician assistant, ophthalmologist, or~~
1.26 ~~optometrist who fraudulently certifies to the commissioner that a person is visually~~
1.27 ~~impaired as described in this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

- 2.1 ~~(g) A permit is not required under this subdivision to use an electronic range finder~~
- 2.2 ~~according to section 97B.081, subdivision 3, paragraph (e)."~~
- 2.3 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references
- 2.4 Amend the title accordingly