



Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



2011 POLICY FACT SHEET DNR Enforcement Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement

It is needed because

This language relates to the continued use of silenced firearms for specific wildlife control purposes and the Enforcement Division participation in the BCA/CRIMNET CIBRS system.

OVERVIEW

Section 1; BCA/CIBRS System

The changes in this section clarify that the Department of Natural Resources Division of Enforcement is a law enforcement agency and can participate in the BCA/CRIMNET Comprehensive Incident Based Reporting System (CIBRS), including sharing of incident data from and with other law enforcement agencies. Other law enforcement agencies recognize Conservation Officers as fully licensed peace officers and expect Conservation Officers to participate in this information sharing function. DPS/BCA does not object to this technical change. *M.S. 299C.40.1(c)*

Section 2; Silenced Firearms Sunset (repeal)

Repealing the sunset provision in this section will allow for the continued use of silenced firearms by specified DNR employees and persons acting under contract with DNR for wildlife control purposes. The current authority will sunset June 30, 2011. To date, this authority has been exercised through contractual arrangements between DNR and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – Wildlife Services Division (USDA, APHIS-WS), and is consistent with federal agency use of this technique in other states. The authority has been used for control of double-crested cormorants, airport safety to prevent aircraft strikes of wildlife at airports, bovine tuberculosis (TB) control in white-tailed deer in Northwestern Minnesota, chronic wasting disease (CWD) management in captive elk herds, and white-tailed deer CWD sampling in Southeastern Minnesota. The ability to use silenced firearms in these applications has led to increased efficiency and

effectiveness of the wildlife related safety and health programs. *M.S. 609.66.1h(b)*

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