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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; prohibiting the sale and possession of toxic ammunition;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 87A.02, subdivision 2; 87A.10;
1.4 97A.045, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.5 Statutes, chapters 325F; 624.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 87A.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Best practices.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), for purposes of this
1.9 chapter, the November 1999 revised edition of the National Rifle Association's Range Source
1.10 Book: A Guide to Planning and Construction shall serve as best practices for shooting
1.11 range performance standards.

1.12 (b) The shooting range performance standards under this chapter include a prohibition
1.13 on possessing and using lead ammunition. To operate in compliance with the performance
1.14 standards, a shooting range must only allow possession and use of nontoxic ammunition,
1.15 except by peace officers or other government officials or employees when performing a
1.16 duty required by law.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2028.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 87A.10, is amended to read:

1.19 **87A.10 SHOOTING SPORTS FACILITY GRANTS.**

1.20 The commissioner of natural resources ~~shall~~ must administer a program to provide
1.21 cost-share grants to local recreational shooting clubs or local units of government for up to

2.1 50 percent of the costs of developing or rehabilitating shooting sports facilities for public
2.2 use. A facility rehabilitated or developed with a grant under this section must:

2.3 (1) be open to the general public at reasonable times and for a reasonable fee on a walk-in
2.4 basis. ~~The commissioner shall give preference to projects that will provide the most~~
2.5 opportunities for youth;

2.6 (2) only allow possession and use of nontoxic ammunition; and

2.7 (3) include an educational component about the toxic effects of lead ammunition and
2.8 about nontoxic alternatives.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2027, and applies to grants
2.10 awarded on or after that date.

2.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.045, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.12 read:

2.13 Subd. 14. **Education about nontoxic ammunition.** The commissioner must include
2.14 education about the toxic effects of lead ammunition and about nontoxic alternatives to lead
2.15 ammunition as part of the department's overall effort in hunting recruitment and retention.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026.

2.17 Sec. 4. **[325F.016] LEAD AMMUNITION; BAN.**

2.18 (a) Beginning August 1, 2027, no manufacturer or wholesaler may sell or offer for sale
2.19 lead ammunition in this state.

2.20 (b) Beginning August 1, 2028, no retailer may sell or offer for sale lead ammunition in
2.21 this state.

2.22 Sec. 5. **[624.7193] LEAD AMMUNITION; BAN; DISPOSAL.**

2.23 Subdivision 1. **Ban.** Beginning August 1, 2028, a person must not use or possess lead
2.24 ammunition.

2.25 Subd. 2. **Civil penalty.** A person who violates this section is subject to the following
2.26 civil penalties:

2.27 (1) \$500 for the first offense; and

2.28 (2) at least \$1,000 but no more than \$5,000 for each subsequent offense.

3.1 Subd. 3. **Disposal; buyback and exchange program.** (a) By August 1, 2028, a person
3.2 who possesses lead ammunition must do one of the following:

3.3 (1) surrender the lead ammunition to a law enforcement agency for proper disposal; or

3.4 (2) remove the lead ammunition from the state.

3.5 (b) To the extent that funding is available, the commissioner of public safety must
3.6 establish a program to buy back lead ammunition from residents and must provide
3.7 opportunities for residents to exchange lead ammunition for nontoxic ammunition.

3.8 Subd. 4. **Public notice.** By March 1, 2027, the commissioners of public safety and natural
3.9 resources must develop and implement a public service campaign designed to educate the
3.10 public about the ban on lead ammunition.

3.11 Subd. 5. **Exemption.** Subdivision 1 does not apply to peace officers or other government
3.12 officials or employees when carrying out a duty required by law.