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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; excluding motor vehicles from the definition of public
1.3 place for purposes of carrying certain weapons in public; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2024, section 624.7181, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.7181, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
1.8 meanings given them.

1.9 (a) "BB gun" means a device that fires or ejects a shot measuring .18 of an inch or less
1.10 in diameter.

1.11 (b) "Carry" does not include:

1.12 (1) the carrying of a BB gun, rifle, or shotgun to, from, or at a place where firearms are
1.13 repaired, bought, sold, traded, or displayed, or where hunting, target shooting, or other
1.14 lawful activity involving firearms occurs, or at funerals, parades, or other lawful ceremonies;

1.15 (2) the carrying by a person of a BB gun, rifle, or shotgun that is unloaded and in a gun
1.16 case expressly made to contain a firearm, if the case fully encloses the firearm by being
1.17 zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, and no portion of the firearm is
1.18 exposed;

1.19 (3) the carrying of a BB gun, rifle, or shotgun by a person who has a permit under section
1.20 624.714;

1.21 (4) the carrying of an antique firearm as a curiosity or for its historical significance or
1.22 value; or

2.1 (5) the transporting of a BB gun, rifle, or shotgun in compliance with section 97B.045.

2.2 (c) "Public place" means property owned, leased, or controlled by a governmental unit
2.3 and private property that is regularly and frequently open to or made available for use by
2.4 the public in sufficient numbers to give clear notice of the property's current dedication to
2.5 public use but does not include: a person's dwelling house or premises, the place of business
2.6 owned or managed by the person, or land possessed by the person; a gun show, gun shop,
2.7 or hunting or target shooting facility; any motor vehicle, whether parked or in transit; or
2.8 the woods, fields, or waters of this state where the person is present lawfully for the purpose
2.9 of hunting or target shooting or other lawful activity involving firearms.

2.10 (d) "Motor vehicle" has the meaning given in section 609.52, subdivision 1.