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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4228

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Agriculture and Food Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; placing a moratorium on farmed Cervidae registrations and
1.3 facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 35.155,
1.4 subdivision 10.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 35.155, subdivision 10, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 10. Mandatory registration. (a) A person may not possess live Cervidae in
1.9 Minnesota unless the person is registered with the Board of Animal Health and meets all
1.10 the requirements for farmed Cervidae under this section. Cervidae possessed in violation
1.11 of this subdivision may be seized and destroyed by the commissioner of natural resources.

1.12 (b) A person whose registration is revoked by the board is ineligible for future registration
1.13 under this section unless the board determines that the person has undertaken measures that
1.14 make future escapes extremely unlikely.

1.15 (c) Beginning on the effective date of this act, the board must not issue new registrations
1.16 under this section or allow existing registrants to use additional farmed Cervidae facilities.