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**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
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Introduction and first reading

OFFICIAL STATUS

Referred to Agriculture and Rural Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to agriculture; requiring depopulation of farmed Cervidae herd when an  
 1.3 animal is infected with chronic wasting disease; amending Minnesota Statutes  
 1.4 2020, section 35.155, subdivision 11.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 35.155, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 11. **Mandatory surveillance for chronic wasting disease; herd depopulation.** (a)  
 1.8 An inventory for each farmed Cervidae herd must be verified by an accredited veterinarian  
 1.9 and filed with the Board of Animal Health every 12 months.

1.10 (b) Movement of farmed Cervidae from any premises to another location must be reported  
 1.11 to the Board of Animal Health within 14 days of the movement on forms approved by the  
 1.12 Board of Animal Health.

1.13 (c) All animals from farmed Cervidae herds that are over 12 months of age that die or  
 1.14 are slaughtered must be tested for chronic wasting disease.

1.15 ~~(d) The owner of a premises where chronic wasting disease is detected must:~~

1.16 ~~(1) depopulate the premises of Cervidae after the appraisal process for federal~~  
 1.17 ~~indemnification has been completed or, if an indemnification application is not submitted,~~  
 1.18 ~~within a reasonable time determined by the board in consultation with the commissioner of~~  
 1.19 ~~natural resources;~~

1.20 ~~(2) maintain the fencing required under subdivision 4 on the premises for five years after~~  
 1.21 ~~the date of detection; and~~

1.22 ~~(3) post the fencing on the premises with biohazard signs as directed by the board.~~

2.1 (d) If an animal in a farmed Cervidae herd tests positive for chronic wasting disease,  
2.2 the entire herd must be euthanized and disposed of at the owner's expense, unless state and  
2.3 federal funds are available for this purpose. The method by which a herd is euthanized and  
2.4 disposed of as required by this paragraph must be done in a manner approved by the board.  
2.5 The board shall consult with the commissioner of natural resources in approving euthanization  
2.6 and disposal methods.