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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. **4233**

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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; requiring live-animal chronic wasting disease surveillance;
1.3 requiring the Board of Animal Health to consider farmed Cervidae tests results
1.4 from other states; amending Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 35.155,
1.5 subdivision 11.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 35.155, subdivision 11, is amended
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 11. **Mandatory surveillance for chronic wasting disease; depopulation.** (a)

1.10 An inventory for each farmed Cervidae herd must be verified by an accredited veterinarian
1.11 and filed with the Board of Animal Health every 12 months.

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

1.15 (c) To the extent practicable, the board must use live-animal testing methods to surveil
1.16 farmed Cervidae herds for the presence of chronic wasting disease. All animals from farmed
1.17 Cervidae herds that are over 12 months of age that die or are slaughtered must be tested for
1.18 chronic wasting disease.

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

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

- 2.1 (2) maintain the fencing required under subdivision 4 on the premises for five years after
- 2.2 the date of detection; and
- 2.3 (3) post the fencing on the premises with biohazard signs as directed by the board.
- 2.4 (e) The board must consider relevant test results from other states when determining a
- 2.5 herd's chronic wasting disease status.