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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. **759**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; increasing reimbursement for processing donated venison;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 17.035, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 17.035, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Reimbursement.** A meat processor holding a license under chapter 28A  
1.7 may apply to the commissioner of agriculture for full reimbursement of ~~\$70~~ towards the  
1.8 processor's reasonable and documented cost of processing donated deer, as determined by  
1.9 the commissioner within the limits of available funding. The meat processor shall deliver  
1.10 the deer, processed into cuts or ground meat, to a charitable organization that is registered  
1.11 under chapter 309 and with the commissioner of agriculture and that operates a food  
1.12 assistance program. To request reimbursement, the processor shall submit an application,  
1.13 on a form prescribed by the commissioner of agriculture, the tag number under which the  
1.14 deer was taken, and a receipt for the deer from the charitable organization.