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		Referred to Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development
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A bill for an act

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relating to agriculture; allowing the importation of live Cervidae to certain

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accredited facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section

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35.155, subdivision 12.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 35.155, subdivision 12, is amended

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to read:

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Subd. 12. **Importation.** (a) A person must not import live Cervidae into the state from

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a state or province where chronic wasting disease has been detected in the farmed or wild

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cervid population in the last five years unless the animal has tested not detected for chronic

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wasting disease with a validated live-animal test.

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(b) Live Cervidae or Cervidae semen must originate from a herd that has been subject

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to a state-, federal-, or provincial-approved chronic wasting disease herd certification program

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and that has reached a status equivalent to the highest certification.

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(c) Cervidae imported in violation of this section may be seized and destroyed by the

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commissioner of natural resources.

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(d) This subdivision does not apply to the interstate transfer of animals between two

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facilities accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums or the Zoological Association

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of America.

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(e) Notwithstanding this subdivision, the commissioner of natural resources may issue

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a permit allowing the importation of orphaned wild cervid species that are not susceptible

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to chronic wasting disease from another state to an Association of Zoos and Aquariums

- 2.1 accredited institution in Minnesota following a joint risk-based assessment conducted by
- 2.2 the commissioner and the institution.