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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2387

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; modifying fur farmer registration requirements; eliminating
1.3 certain commercial permits for restricted species; requiring a report on feral pigs
1.4 and mink; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 17.353, subdivision 2;
1.5 17.457, subdivision 3.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 17.353, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. Registration. A fur farmer may must register with the commissioner by
1.9 submitting a completed registration form and a fee of \$10 \$...... to the commissioner by
1.10 December 31. The registration is valid for a calendar year. The registration form must state
1.11 the name of the applicant, the location of the fur farming activity, the species of fur-bearing
1.12 animals on the fur farm, and other information required by the commissioner.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 17.457, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.14 Subd. 3. Permits. (a) The commissioner may issue permits for the transportation,
1.15 possession, purchase, or importation of restricted species for scientific, research, or
1.16 educational, or commercial purposes. A permit issued under this subdivision may be revoked
1.17 by the commissioner if the conditions of the permit are not met by the permittee or for any
1.18 unlawful act or omission, including accidental escapes.

1.19 (b) The commissioner may issue permits for a person to possess and raise a restricted
1.20 species for commercial purposes if the person was in possession of the restricted species
1.21 on March 1, 1993. Under the permit, the number of breeding stock of the restricted species
1.22 in the possession of the person may not increase by more than 25 percent and the person
1.23 must comply with the certification requirements in subdivision 7.

2.1 (c) A person may possess a restricted species without a permit for a period not to exceed
 2.2 two days for the purpose of slaughtering the restricted species for human consumption.

2.3 Sec. 3. **REPORT ON FERAL PIGS AND MINK.**

2.4 By February 15, 2024, the commissioner of natural resources, in cooperation with the
 2.5 Board of Animal Health and the commissioners of agriculture and health, must submit a
 2.6 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
 2.7 jurisdiction over agriculture and environment and natural resources that:

2.8 (1) identifies the responsibilities of the Board of Animal Health and the commissioners
 2.9 of natural resources, health, and agriculture for managing feral pigs and mink;

2.10 (2) identifies any needs to clarify or modify responsibilities for feral pig and mink
 2.11 management; and

2.12 (3) includes policy recommendations for managing feral pigs and mink to further prevent
 2.13 negative impacts on the environment and human health.