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H. F. No. 2814

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy
02/17/2022 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy without further recommendation

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to animal health; modifying requirements for certain owners of farmed
1.3 Cervidae; requiring live-animal testing for chronic wasting disease; appropriating
1.4 money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 35.155, subdivision
1.5 11.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2021 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) All animals from farmed Cervidae herds that are over 12 months of age that die or
1.16 are slaughtered must be tested for chronic wasting disease.

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

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

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

2.1 (3) post the fencing on the premises with biohazard signs as directed by the board;

2.2 (4) prior to any sale or transfer of the premises, test the soil for evidence of chronic
 2.3 wasting disease using a method approved by the board and report the results to the board;
 2.4 and

2.5 (5) record with the county recorder or registrar of titles a notice, in the form required by
 2.6 the board, that includes the location and legal description of the premises, the date of
 2.7 detection, the date of depopulation, the landowner requirements under this paragraph, and
 2.8 any other information required by the board.

2.9 Sec. 2. **WHITE-TAILED DEER TESTING REQUIRED; CHRONIC WASTING**
 2.10 **DISEASE.**

2.11 Subdivision 1. **Live-animal testing.** No later than October 1, 2022, an owner of farmed
 2.12 white-tailed deer registered with the Board of Animal Health under Minnesota Statutes,
 2.13 section 35.155, must have each farmed white-tailed deer tested for chronic wasting disease
 2.14 using a real-time quaking-induced conversion (RT-QuIC) test and report the results to the
 2.15 Board of Animal Health in the form required by the board. If a white-tailed deer tests
 2.16 positive, the owner must have the animal tested a second time using an RT-QuIC test.

2.17 Subd. 2. **Postmortem testing.** If a farmed white-tailed deer tests positive twice under
 2.18 subdivision 1, the owner must have the animal destroyed and tested for chronic wasting
 2.19 disease using a postmortem test approved by the Board of Animal Health.

2.20 Subd. 3. **Herd depopulation.** If a farmed white-tailed deer tests positive for chronic
 2.21 wasting disease under subdivision 2, the owner must depopulate the premises of farmed
 2.22 Cervidae as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 35.155.

2.23 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.24 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Animal
 2.25 Health for purposes of this act. The board must enter into an agreement with the University
 2.26 of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and compensate the laboratory for the
 2.27 RT-QuIC testing required under this act. This is a onetime appropriation.