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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4353**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing additional fencing requirements for farmed  
1.3 Cervidae; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 35.155, subdivision 4, by  
1.4 adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 35.155, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Fencing; general requirements.** Farmed Cervidae must be confined in a  
1.8 manner designed to prevent escape. Except as provided in subdivision 4a, all perimeter  
1.9 fences for farmed Cervidae must be at least 96 inches in height and. Perimeter fences must  
1.10 be constructed and maintained in a way that prevents the escape of farmed Cervidae or,  
1.11 entry into the premises by free-roaming Cervidae, or physical contact between farmed  
1.12 Cervidae and free-roaming Cervidae.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 35.155, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
1.14 read:

1.15 Subd. 4a. **Fencing; commercial herds.** In addition to the requirements in subdivision  
1.16 4, commercially farmed Cervidae must be confined by two or more perimeter fences, with  
1.17 each perimeter fence at least 120 inches in height.

1.18 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.19 This act is effective September 1, 2018.