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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying wolf mortality reporting requirements;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.646.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.646, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.646 WOLF MANAGEMENT.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture, shall adopt
1.8 a wolf management plan that includes goals to ensure the long-term survival of the wolf in
1.9 Minnesota, to reduce conflicts between wolves and humans, to minimize depredation of
1.10 livestock and domestic pets, and to manage the ecological impact of wolves on prey species
1.11 and other predators.

1.12 (b) The commissioner shall compile a list that is updated quarterly on all known wolf
1.13 deaths, ~~based on reporting by conservation officers~~. The list must specify the date and
1.14 location of each wolf death and must be available on the department Web site. The updates
1.15 must be done by March 31, June 30, August 31, and December 31 each year or the
1.16 commissioner must submit a letter to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house
1.17 of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment
1.18 and natural resources detailing the reasons for the delay.