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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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; clarifying certain requirements for farmed Cervidae;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 35.155, subdivisions 5, 11.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 35.155, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 5. **Disease control programs.** Farmed Cervidae are subject to this chapter and
1.7 the rules of the Board of Animal Health in the same manner as other livestock and domestic
1.8 animals, including provisions related to importation and transportation. The board must not
1.9 designate or continue a disease management or endemic zone for chronic wasting disease
1.10 unless chronic wasting disease is found on a specific property where a cervid farm is located.
1.11 The zone is limited to that chronic wasting disease positive property and does not extend
1.12 to other noncontiguous property owned by the same person or entity.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 35.155, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

1.14 Subd. 11. **Mandatory surveillance for chronic wasting disease; depopulation.** (a)
1.15 An inventory for each farmed Cervidae herd must be verified by an accredited veterinarian
1.16 and filed with the Board of Animal Health every 12 months.

1.17 (b) Movement of farmed Cervidae from any premises to another location must be reported
1.18 to the Board of Animal Health within 14 days of the movement on forms approved by the
1.19 Board of Animal Health.

1.20 (c) All animals from farmed Cervidae herds that are over 12 months of age that die or
1.21 are slaughtered must be tested for chronic wasting disease.

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

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

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

2.8 (3) post the fencing on the premises with biohazard signs as directed by the board.

2.9 Sec. 3. **DISCONTINUATION OF CURRENT ZONES.**

2.10 All disease management or endemic zones in effect on the effective date of this section
2.11 that do not contain a chronic wasting disease positive cervid farm are discontinued.