

Subject Farmed Cervidae and fencing

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Summary

This bill would modify the fencing requirements and fencing penalties for farmed Cervidae (deer, elk, moose). Under current law, farmed Cervidae must be confined with perimeter fences at least 96 inches tall constructed and maintained to (1) prevent the escape of farmed Cervidae, (2) the entry of free-roaming Cervidae, and (3) physical contact between farmed and free-roaming Cervidae. This bill removes the requirement that perimeter fences be constructed and maintained to prevent physical contact between farmed and free-roaming Cervidae.

This bill would also remove the Board of Animal Health's authority to revoke a facility's registration to possess live Cervidae and to remove or destroy the animals if a facility experiences more than one escape in a six-month period or fails to correct a deficiency found during an inspection.