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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1676

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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; modifying farmed Cervidae provisions; amending Minnesota
1.3 Statutes 2024, section 35.155, subdivision 11.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 35.155, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 11. Mandatory surveillance for chronic wasting disease; depopulation. (a)

1.7 An inventory for each farmed Cervidae herd must be verified by an accredited veterinarian
1.8 and filed with the Board of Animal Health every 12 months.

1.9 (b) Movement of farmed Cervidae from any premises to another location must be reported
1.10 to the Board of Animal Health within 14 days of the movement on forms approved by the
1.11 Board of Animal Health. A person must not move farmed white-tailed deer from a herd that
1.12 tests positive for chronic wasting disease from any premises to another location.

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

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

1.16 (1) allow and cooperate with inspections of the premises as determined by the Board of
1.17 Animal Health and Department of Natural Resources conservation officers and wildlife
1.18 managers;

1.19 (2) depopulate the premises of Cervidae after the federal indemnification process has
1.20 been completed or, if an indemnification application is not submitted, within 30 days;

2.1 (3) maintain the fencing required under subdivision 4 on the premises for ten years after  
2.2 the date of detection;

2.3 (4) post the fencing on the premises with biohazard signs as directed by the board;

2.4 (5) not raise farmed Cervidae on the premises for at least ten years; and

2.5 (6) before signing an agreement to sell or transfer the property, disclose in writing to  
2.6 the buyer or transferee the date of depopulation and the requirements incumbent upon the  
2.7 premises and the buyer or transferee under this paragraph; and.

2.8 ~~(7) record with the county recorder or registrar of titles, as appropriate, in the county  
2.9 where the premises is located a notice, in the form required by the board, that meets the  
2.10 recording requirements of sections 507.093 and 507.24 and includes the nearest address  
2.11 and the legal description of the premises, the date of detection, the date of depopulation,  
2.12 the landowner requirements under this paragraph, and any other information required by  
2.13 the board. The legal description must be the legal description of record with the county  
2.14 recorder or registrar of titles and must not otherwise be the real estate tax statement legal  
2.15 description of the premises. The notice expires and has no effect ten years after the date of  
2.16 detection stated in the notice. The registrar of titles must omit an expired notice from future  
2.17 certificates of title.~~

2.18 (e) An owner of farmed Cervidae that test positive for chronic wasting disease is  
2.19 responsible for proper disposal of the animals, as determined by the board.