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Section

- 1 Power to prevent or control wildlife disease.** Amends § 97A.045, subd. 11. Prohibits wildlife feeding within the modified accredited bovine tuberculosis zone proposed by the Board of Animal Health (wildlife feeding is currently prohibited within a 15-mile radius of a cattle herd infected with bovine tuberculosis) and adds as a penalty for violating this restriction, the loss of the ability to obtain a hunting license in the state for two years.

Details the feeding restrictions in place within the modified accredited bovine tuberculosis zone as follows: restricts a person from placing or distributing feed in an area frequented by deer or elk or knowingly allowing another person to do so, unless the feed is placed at least six feet above the ground or in a manner that makes it inaccessible by deer or elk. States that the restrictions do not apply to feed that is present solely as a result of normal agriculture, forest management, or wildlife feed planting practices; and feed for agricultural or livestock purposes if placed for domestic livestock that are present and actively feeding on a daily basis and that is covered to deter deer and elk from gaining access and that is stored consistently with normal agricultural practices.