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## Overview

This bill would increase the rate of reimbursement paid by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to meat processors who process hunter-harvested deer when the hunter has elected to donate the venison to charity. Under current law, this reimbursement is capped at \$70 per deer. Under this bill, MDA would reimburse processors for their total reasonable and documented processing costs, within the limits of available funding.

Money available to reimburse participating processors comes from a \$1 surcharge assessed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on bonus deer hunting permits. Deer hunters may purchase bonus permits and take additional deer in certain DNR-designated deer hunting zones.