

Subject Farmed Cervidae
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Overview

This bill modifies provisions related to farmed Cervidae (ex. deer and elk).

Summary

Section	Description
1	Fencing Requires perimeter fencing for farmed Cervidae to be constructed and maintained to prevent physical contact between farmed Cervidae and free-roaming Cervidae beginning September 1, 2021.
2	Fencing; commercial herds. Requires commercially farmed white-tailed deer to be confined by two or more perimeter fences of at least 120 inches high beginning September 1, 2021.
3	Mandatory registration. Prohibits new white-tailed deer farm registrations effective the day following final enactment.
4	Mandatory surveillance for chronic wasting disease; depopulation. Prohibits the movement of farmed white-tailed deer from any premises to another location. Requires fencing on premises where chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been detected to be maintained for ten years (current law requires the fencing for five years) and prohibits raising farmed Cervidae on the premises for at least ten years.
5	Transfer of duties; farmed Cervidae. Transfers oversight of cervid farms from the Board of Animal Health (BAH) to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) effective August 1, 2021. This transfer would follow a standard statutory process whereby existing farmed cervid statutes and rules would remain in effect and the corresponding BAH personnel would transfer to the DNR.

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6	Revisor instruction. Requires the Revisor to modify Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules to conform to the transfer of oversight in the previous section.



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