

HF4331 - 0 - Farmed Cervidae Escape Provisions Modified

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 Lead Agency: **Animal Health Board**
 Other Agencies:
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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

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Natural Resources Dept						
General Fund	-	-	555	425	425	
State Total						
General Fund	-	-	555	425	425	
Total	-	-	555	425	425	
Biennial Total			555			850

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Natural Resources Dept					
General Fund	-	-	2.4	2.4	2.4
Total	-	-	2.4	2.4	2.4

Lead LBO Analyst's Comment

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Bill Description

HF 4331-0 modifies provisions pertaining to the escape of farmed cervidae and modifies identification requirements of farmed cervidae.

Assumptions

Escaped farmed cervidae killed by a hunter, licensed by the commissioner of natural resources, must be tested for chronic wasting disease at the owner's expense.

The identification requirement of either incorporating global positioning system technology or including a phone number, address, or other contact information that enables the reader to readily identify the owner of the escaped farmed cervidae. The costs of meeting the identification requirements lies with the farmed cervidae owners.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

N.A.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

N.A.

Local Fiscal Impact

N.A.

References/Sources

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Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 35.155, subdivision 1

Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 35.155, subdivision 6

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	Biennial Total		-		-	-

Bill Description

This bill: (1) requires farmed cervidae owners to immediately report any animal escapes, and eliminates allowing 24 hours to recapture/reporting of escapes; (2) allows DNR to immediately destroy the escaped cervidae, allows licensed hunter harvest of the escaped farmed cervidae, and requires CWD testing of any escaped cervidae at the owner’s expense; and (3) requires farmed cervidae identification to incorporate either GPS technology or contact information.

Assumptions

This bill changes the requirements when farmed cervidae escape. Conservation officers will respond to all escape incidents. Areas where CWD has been identified is expanding in the state, and includes farmed cervidae incidents as well as wild animal incidents.

Reported escapes from the state’s 10,600 registered farmed cervids from the 420 cervidae farm locations number approximately 100 animals per year. Conservation officers will investigate the escape incidents and remove farmed cervids from the wild. While some escapes are resolved in little time, others can take months to resolve, some cases are never resolved.

When conservation officers respond to reports of escaped cervidae, it involves a team effort of officers and staff on the ground and other services such as air support to locate and destroy escaped cervids. Assume 50 hours of conservation officer time per escape incident. Activities involved in responding to escape incidents include a two officer team travel to and from the site, owner and witness contacts, interview and assessment activity, and locating, seizing, destroying, and disposing of escaped cervids.

In order to allow licensed hunters to kill and possess escaped farmed cervidae as well as to assess and collect CWD testing costs from the cervidae farm owner, a change in rule is required. If the rulemaking can be combined with other rule making packages, there would be no additional costs. For purposes of this note, we assume this rulemaking will have to be completed separate from other rulemaking and have included a one-time cost of \$130k in FY2021 based on the Minnesota Rulemaking Manual cost estimates for a medium-sized rule.

The animal identification upgrades to GPS technology or contact information will be coordinated by the Board of Animal Health.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Conservation officer time: 25 hours at \$85/hour x 2 officer team x 100 incidents = \$425,000 per year. The estimated 25 hours includes any air support costs needed as well as disposal costs.

One-time rule making estimates of \$130k in FY2021.

We show these costs in the General Fund, because this bill relates to the management of captive cervidae under the jurisdiction of the Board of Animal Health. The General Fund is the appropriate source of funds for these costs.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

The current escalating trend in escaped cervidae and CWD incidents will continue into the future for at least the next several years, requiring funding sufficient to control and manage farmed cervidae escape incidents.

Local Fiscal Impact

None identified.

References/Sources

Rulemaking Guide, page 283

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/data/rules/manual/docs/manual2019.pdf>

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