

HF40 - 0 - Farmed Cervidae Fencing Requirements Modified

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 Lead Agency: **Animal Health Board**
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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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State Total						
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		Biennium			Biennium	
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Total		-	-	-	-	-

Lead LBO Analyst's Comment

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Bill Description

A bill for an act relating to agriculture; removing requirement that fencing prevent physical contact between farmed Cervidae and free-roaming Cervidae; removing authority to revoke registrations under certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 35.155, subdivision 4

Assumptions

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health is under the assumption that there would be no fiscal impact by H40 - 0 amendment.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

N/A

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

N/A

Local Fiscal Impact

N/A

References/Sources

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Bill Description

This proposal aims to remove the fencing requirement of preventing physical contact of farmed and wild cervids. Additionally, it removes the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) responsibility for seizing and destroying cervids following revocation of a farm registration.

Assumptions

Fencing requirements would change such that prevention of physical contact between farmed and wild cervids is no longer required. No fiscal impact is estimated for this change because Conservation Officers would continue to conduct regular inspections to enforce other farmed cervid regulations.

DNR will no longer have the authority to remove and euthanize farmed cervids from facilities with revoked registrations, requiring greater reliance on voluntary compliance and depopulation by cervid farm owners. Other alternate measures of herd control could be used (e.g. consultation, contracting, or facility owner may be responsible to take action as designated by Board of Animal Health). Due to low instances of this activity currently, DNR estimates no fiscal impact for this change.

Assumes an effective date of July 1, 2025.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

DNR assumes no fiscal impact.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

The future development of Chronic Wasting Disease and farmers' reactions to changes in cervid farming are uncertain. Any modifications to fencing requirements or the ability to seize and destroy animals on farms that have had their registration revoked could raise the risk of CWD, potentially leading to increased management costs.

Local Fiscal Impact

None

References/Sources

None

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