

Subject Farmed cervids
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Overview

This bill establishes two additional requirements for those who own property where Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is detected in farmed cervids (deer, elk, moose, etc.). It also requires live-animal CWD testing of all farmed white-tailed deer by October 1, 2022, with additional testing required for any white-tailed deer that initially tests positive.

Under current law, as of July 1, 2021, the Board of Animal Health (BAH) and the Department of Natural Resources have concurrent authority to enforce the state's farmed cervid laws.

Summary

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| 1 | Mandatory surveillance for chronic wasting disease; depopulation.
Requires the owner of land where CWD was detected in farmed cervids to, prior to any sale or transfer of the premises, use a BAH-approved method to test the soil for CWD and report the results to BAH. In addition, the owners must record a notice in the county's real estate records that includes specified information including the legal description of the premises, the date of CWD detection, and the requirements incumbent upon an owner of the land under this subdivision. |
| 2 | White-tailed deer testing required; chronic wasting disease.
Requires registered owners of farmed white-tailed deer to have each animal tested for CWD using the RT-QuIC live-animal test prior to October 1, 2022, and report the results to the BAH. If a farmed white-tailed deer tests positive, the owners must have the animal tested again. Should the animal test positive a second time, the owner must have the white-tailed deer destroyed and tested using a BAH-approved postmortem test. If the postmortem test is positive, the owner must depopulate all farmed cervids on the premises after the federal indemnification process, if any, is complete. |

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3	Appropriation. Appropriates \$250,000 on a onetime basis to the BAH for purposes of this act, including compensating the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for RT-QuIC testing.



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