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Bill Summary

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Overview

Current law codifies the regulation of farmed cervidae (white tail deer, elk, moose, etc.) in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 17, even though many of the obligations under the law are assigned to the Board of Animal Health. House File 307 splits out the sections that apply directly to the BAH, relocates them to the BAH chapter (chapter 35), and repeals them from chapter 17. The bill does not make significant change in regulation, management, or enforcement of cervidae law, and cross references assure that chapters 17 and 35 use the same set of definitions. The bill makes it clear that BAH has authority to adopt rules related to enforcement of cervidae law.

Section

- 1 Other applicable definitions.** The definitions related to cervidae from the new language in chapter 35 apply to chapter 17 also.
- 2 Definitions.** Definitions to be repealed from chapter 17 and created in chapter 35, including "cervidae," "farmed cervidae," "owner," and "herd."
- 3 Farmed cervidae.** Several sections of statute are moved from chapter 17 to chapter 35. These are the sections enforced by the Board of Animal Health and relate to cervidae running at large, the presence of wild cervidae inside a confinement area, requirements for cervidae fencing, disease control programs, systems of animal identification, inspection of facilities, registration of animals, and surveillance for control of chronic wasting disease.

Section

The Board of Animal Health is instructed to adopt rules as necessary to implement its obligations and to control cervidae diseases.

4 Revisor's instruction. Instructs the Revisor to correct cross-references in statute and rule to comply with the changes made in this bill.

5 Repealer. Repeals sections and subdivisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 17 that are moved to chapter 35.

6 Effective date. The bill is effective the day following final enactment.