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Overview

This bill would modify existing exemptions for The Minnesota Zoo (aka the Minnesota Zoological Board). The Minnesota Zoo would be exempt from animal health and game and fish laws. For example, the Minnesota Zoo could import moose and other cervidae into the state. However, the Zoo would be required to obtain a permit for each exemption.

Section

- 1** **Wild animal exemption.** Removes a reference to chapters of law that the legislature previously repealed or renumbered (chapters 19, 97, 98, 99, 100, and 101). Exempts the Minnesota Zoological Board from chapters 35 “Animal Health,” 97A “Game and Fish,” 97B “Hunting,” and 97C “Fishing.”

Requires the Minnesota Zoological Board to request a permit from the Board of Animal Health (BAH) for any exemption from requirements in chapter 35 or corresponding rules issued by BAH. Requires the Minnesota Zoological Board to request a permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for any exemption from requirements in chapters 97A, 97B, 97C or corresponding rules issued by DNR.