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Overview

This bill limits the authority of enforcement officers to seize deer taken and property used in violation of the state's ban on baiting deer to certain instances. The state bans the taking of deer with the aid or use of bait.

Section

Equipment seizure. Amends § 97B.328. Limits the authority of an enforcement officer to seize deer, firearms, or other equipment from someone who violates the state's ban on using bait to take deer to only instances where: (1) the person kills a deer with the aid of the bait; or (2) the person has previously violated the baiting ban within the last three years. Current law allows the seizures if the person is found in violation of the ban under any circumstances.