

Subject Farmed deer
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Overview

This bill would prohibit the Board of Animal Health (BAH) from approving a new registration for the possession of farmed white-tailed deer. Under current law and the bill, the Department of Natural Resources may seize and destroy white-tailed deer and other farmed cervids possessed by a person who is not registered with the Board of Animal Health.

The bill specifies that the moratorium on new registrations does not prevent a registrant from selling or transferring their deer and registration to a family member.

Finally, the bill would appropriate an unspecified amount of money to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to offer a voluntary buyout payment to those currently authorized by the BAH to possess white-tailed deer.

Summary

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| 1 | Mandatory registration.
Prohibits new farmed white-tailed deer registrations effective July 1, 2022, but allows a registrant to sell or transfer their herd and registration to a family member. |
| 2 | Voluntary farmed white-tailed deer buyout; appropriation.
Appropriates an unspecified amount of money to the MDA to offer a buyout payment to owners of farmed white-tailed deer registered with the BAH. Requires the MDA to establish payment amounts and criteria, with each animal disposed of as determined by the BAH. Requires a participating owner who violates the buyout contract to return the payment and subjects the person to appropriate civil penalties. |



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