

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money to study the presence of
1.3 neonicotinoid pesticides in wild deer.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; WILD DEER PESTICIDE STUDY.**

1.6 (a) The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the commissioners of
1.7 agriculture and health, the University of Minnesota and other relevant land grant universities,
1.8 and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, shall determine whether and to what extent
1.9 neonicotinoid pesticides are present in the tissue of wild deer in Minnesota. No later than
1.10 February 15, 2018, the commissioner of natural resources shall report findings to the
1.11 legislative committees with jurisdiction over natural resources, agriculture, and health.

1.12 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the game and fish fund to the
1.13 commissioner of natural resources for purposes of paragraph (a).

1.14 (c) \$..... in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the pesticide regulatory account in the
1.15 agricultural fund to the commissioner of agriculture for purposes of the laboratory work
1.16 required under paragraph (a).