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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 2302

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing a financial responsibility requirement for owners
1.3 of white-tailed deer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 35.155, by adding
1.4 a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 35.155, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 10a. Financial responsibility. (a) The board must not approve a registration for
1.9 possessing white-tailed deer unless the applicant furnishes proof of financial responsibility.
1.10 A person requesting registration for possessing white-tailed deer may demonstrate financial
1.11 responsibility by:

1.12 (1) proof of net assets equal to or greater than \$50,000; or

1.13 (2) a performance bond or insurance of a kind and in an amount determined by the board.

1.14 (b) A person requesting registration for possessing white-tailed deer must submit proof
1.15 of financial responsibility each year, in conjunction with payment of the annual inspection
1.16 fee under subdivision 7.

1.17 (c) The bond or insurance required under this subdivision must:

1.18 (1) cover at least the period of time required by the board; and

1.19 (2) contain a provision requiring the insurance or bonding company to notify the board
1.20 at least ten days before the effective date of cancellation, termination, or any other change
1.21 of the bond or insurance.

2.1 The board must immediately suspend the registration of a person who fails to maintain the
2.2 net assets, bond, or insurance required under this subdivision. If there is recovery against
2.3 the bond or insurance, the registrant must secure additional coverage to maintain financial
2.4 responsibility equal to the original amount required by the board for that period.

2.5 (d) An employee of a registrant is not required to maintain an insurance policy or bond
2.6 during the time the registrant maintains the insurance or bond required under this subdivision.