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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring the commissioner of natural resources
1.3 to implement management strategies for deer in the bovine tuberculosis
1.4 management zone.

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

1.6 Section 1. **DEER MANAGEMENT IN BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS**
1.7 **MANAGEMENT ZONE.**

1.8 (a) The commissioner of natural resources shall implement the following
1.9 management strategies to improve the deer population in the bovine tuberculosis
1.10 management zone, deer permit area 101, established in Beltrami, Lake of the Woods,
1.11 Marshall, and Roseau Counties:

1.12 (1) petition the United States Department of Agriculture to reduce the quota of deer
1.13 to be sampled in the bovine tuberculosis management zone;

1.14 (2) partner with local agencies, businesses, and deer hunters to develop strategies
1.15 to ensure that hunter-harvested deer satisfy the annual quota to be tested for bovine
1.16 tuberculosis;

1.17 (3) establish a pilot project to transition deer permit area 101 from a disease
1.18 management zone to a deer habitat improvement zone; and

1.19 (4) establish a deer habitat improvement work group as a subgroup of the Bovine
1.20 Tuberculosis Stakeholder Committee to develop local management strategies and tactics
1.21 to improve deer habitat and assist in the implementation of land management practices to
1.22 optimize year-round deer habitat.

1.23 (b) Bovine tuberculosis testing shall continue in the area described in paragraph (a).

1.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.