DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Representative Wachs:

Section 20.370 (1) (mu) provides an appropriation for certain DNR operations, including operations that are conducted under s. 90.21 related to fencing of farm-raised white-tailed deer. Additionally, s. 20.370 (3) (mu) appropriates funds for DNR to conduct law enforcement operations under s. 90.21. This draft gives DNR the duty of enforcing statutes related to fencing of non-white-tailed farm-raised deer, in s. 90.20, and gives DNR the duty of enforcing statutes related to additional fencing requirements for deer farms when chronic wasting disease is detected, under s. 90.22. Please let me know if you would like to include these activities in DNR's appropriations under s. 20.370 (1) (mu) or (3) (mu) or both.

Additionally, this draft does not address an issue with transitioning from the current fence inspection certificates, which are valid for approximately ten years, to the fence inspection certificates under this draft, which are valid for two years. When the bill takes effect, some white-tailed deer farms might have last been inspected more than two years ago. Please let me know what deadline for having their fences inspected should apply to those white-tailed deer farms.

Thank you.

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