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BILL SUMMARY

Tracking Wounded Deer HF 2455

Status of Bill: House Calendar

Committee: Natural Resources (20-0)

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Summary

The bill allows a hunter to use a dog to track a wounded deer. The dog and the handler must both be trained in deer blood tracking. The handler must keep control of the dog at all times using no more than a 50 foot leash. The hunter may dispatch the deer using the correct method of take during hunting hours.

A hunter may track a wounded deer using a dog at any time on private property as long as they have permission from the property owner. Dogs can only be used to track a deer on public hunting land between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and then again 45 minutes after sunset to two hours before sunrise. Because it is illegal to hunt at night the hunter cannot use their weapon to dispatch the deer overnight.

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