

# Legislative Analysis

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## **INCREASE PENALTIES FOR IMPROPER IMPORTATION OF CERVID CARCASS**

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### **House Bill 4424**

**Sponsor: Rep. John Kivela**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

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### **SUMMARY:**

House Bill 4424 would amend Section 40118 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to increase the fine for improper importation of cervid carcasses, or parts of cervid carcasses, from another state or province. ("Cervid" refers to deer, elk, moose, caribou, and related species.)

Presently, the act says any violation of Part 401, or an order or interim order issued under Part 401, is a misdemeanor punishable by not more than 90 days imprisonment and/or a fine of at least \$50 but not more than \$500, plus the costs of prosecution. Section 40118, however, contains several instances where specific violations result in a penalty differing from that default penalty. The bill would add a new violation to that list.

Under House Bill 4424, importing a cervid carcass, or part of a cervid carcass, from another state or province in violation of statute, or an order or interim order would be a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, and/or a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$2,000, plus the costs of prosecution.

The bill would exempt the hides, deboned meat, finished taxidermy products, cleaned teeth, antlers, or antlers attached to a skullcap cleaned of brain and muscle tissue from this penalty.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Any increase in penal fine revenues would increase funding for local libraries, which are the constitutionally designated recipients of those revenues.

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