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Senate Bill 685 (as introduced 9-20-11)
Sponsor: Senator John Proos
Committee: Outdoor Recreation and Tourism

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 401 (Wildlife Conservation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow a deer damage shooting permittee to authorize up to 15 people to implement the permit.

Part 401 allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue permits authorizing the taking of animals for a number of purposes, including the prevention or control of damage and nuisance. Under the bill, a person who had been issued a deer damage shooting permit could designate not more than 15 authorized shooters to implement the provisions of the permit.

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BACKGROUND

Under the DNR's Wildlife Conservation Order, the Department may issue deer damage shooting permits statewide to owners of specific land with significant documented agricultural or horticultural crop damage. The Order provides that it is unlawful to designate more than three authorized shooters to implement the provisions of the permit, unless additional shooters are approved by the wildlife management unit supervisor and district law enforcement supervisor. The DNR reserves the right to deny a person, including the permittee, the authority to personally implement the provisions of a permit if that authority would conflict with a court order, administrative rule, or law.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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