

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, many farmers and ranchers receive agriculture-related exemptions for farming and ranching operations on their property. Historically, farm elk have fallen into the exemption category but, because the Agriculture Code does not specifically include "elk" in the definition of "livestock," a few counties are revoking agriculture-related exemptions of some property owners.

This bill clarifies that "elk" are considered "livestock" in the Agriculture Code.

H.B. 375 relates to classifying elk and elk hybrids as livestock under the Agriculture Code.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1.003(3), Agriculture Code, to redefine "livestock" to include elk and elk hybrids.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.