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**This Bill Analysis** 

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**OVERVIEW:** Senate Bill 66 would prohibit the use of deer urine and other excretions for the taking of wildlife unless the excretion meets certain requirements.

**CURRENT LAW AND BACKGROUND:** Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a contagious prion disease that affects cervids, including deer and elk. Though the exact transmission mechanism is unknown, CWD is thought to be transmitted directly through animal-to-animal contact as well as indirectly through contaminated landscapes and materials. It can take over 16 months after infection for an afflicted animal to develop clinical symptoms of the disease. Once they do, the infected animals become emaciated and eventually die. At this time, no confirmed cases of CWD have been found in North Carolina, but cases have been found in Tennessee and Virginia.

The possession and use of deer secretions for taking, attracting, or scouting wildlife is currently allowed in North Carolina.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 66 would prohibit the use of any excretion or bodily fluid collected from a deer, elk, or other cervid for the purposes of taking, attempting to take, attracting, or scouting wildlife unless the excretion is harvested in accordance with certain labeling, collection, and CWD testing requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective October 1, 2021 and apply to acts that occur on or after that date.

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