

An Act relating to wildlife; creating the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act; providing definitions; authorizing agents of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to enter premises for certain purposes; authorizing agent of the Department of Wildlife Conservation to enter and inspect premises for certain purposes; limiting applications of the act; providing for jurisdiction over commercial hunting facilities; authorizing the State Board of Agriculture to promulgate rules and implement fees; stating powers and authority of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; prohibiting breeding and possession of cervidae for certain purpose without a license; listing requirements for a farmed cervidae license; providing for application and licensing process; requiring farmed cervidae to be confined in certain manner; allowing for coordination of inspections; directing owners to take reasonable steps to return escaped cervidae; requiring notification of an escape; authorizing the Department of Wildlife Conservation to destroy escaped cervidae; allowing escaped cervidae to be taken; limiting liability; making certain action unlawful and violation of the act; allowing the slaughter of farmed cervidae at any time; allowing the sale or disposal of hides or antlers from slaughtered farmed cervidae; providing for penalty for violation of the act; prohibiting new registration or permit for certain period after cancellation or revocation; providing for penalty for violation of Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code; allowing the State Veterinarian to issue emergency orders in certain circumstances; requiring immediate compliance with emergency order; providing for hearing of emergency order; providing for appeal of final order; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 3-103, which relates to the powers and duties of the Wildlife Conservation Commission; updating and clarifying statutory language; deleting regulation requirements of exotic livestock; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 3-201, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 287, O.S.L. 2003 (29 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 3-201), which relates to game wardens; updating and clarifying statutory language; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 4-107, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 376, O.S.L. 2004 (29 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 4-107), which relates to commercial wildlife breeder's license; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 4-112, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 382, O.S.L. 2005 (29 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 4-112), which relates to hunting licenses; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 4-121, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 94, O.S.L. 2003 (29 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 4-121), which relates to noncommercial wildlife breeders license; providing an exemption pursuant to the act; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 5-411, which relates to hunting, selling, and buying certain wildlife; providing an exemption for farmed cervidae facilities licensed under the act; modifying exemptions to prohibition to sell or buy certain wildlife; adding an exemption to possession of meat or parts of wildlife prohibition for licensed farmed cervidae facilities; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 5-414, which relates to white deer; providing an exception to hunting prohibition for farmed white deer; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 7-502, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 188, O.S.L. 2003 (29 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 7-502), which relates to general prohibition on possession of wildlife; exempting persons possessing farmed cervidae and licenses pursuant to the act; requiring persons to retain documents to evidence state of origin of farmed cervidae products; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 7-602, which relates to general prohibition against transporting wildlife; providing an exception for farmed cervidae licensed pursuant to the act; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 7-801, which relates to exotic wildlife; deleting Commission authority to regulate exotic wildlife; deleting authorization to confiscate and dispose of certain bears and cats; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.