

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 3270

By: Archer of the House

and

Murdock of the Senate

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to farmed cervidae; amending 2 O.S.  
11 2021, Sections 6-507, as amended by Section 1,  
12 Chapter 47, O.S.L. 2023 (2 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section  
13 6-507) and Section 1, Chapter 271, O.S.L. 2024 (2  
14 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 6-520), which relate to the  
15 Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act; exempting certain  
16 actions from violating act; allowing bred deer with  
17 certain genetic resistance to be released into native  
18 cervidae populations; changing department that issues  
19 permit from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife  
20 Conservation to the Oklahoma Department of  
21 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; and declaring an  
22 emergency.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

24 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2021, Section 6-507, as  
amended by Section 1, Chapter 47, O.S.L. 2023 (2 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
Section 6-507), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-507. It shall be unlawful and a violation of the  
Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act for any person:

- 1 1. To refuse an inspection authorized by the Oklahoma Farmed  
2 Cervidae Act;
- 3 2. To commingle or integrate any native cervidae into a farmed  
4 cervidae herd;
- 5 3. To intentionally commingle or integrate any farmed cervidae  
6 with native cervidae, except deer that meet the specifications of  
7 the Chronic Wasting Disease Genetic Improvement Act as provided in  
8 Section 6-520 of this title;
- 9 4. To fail to maintain records as required by law;
- 10 5. To fail to maintain fencing as required by law;
- 11 6. To fail to pay any fee, fine, or penalty as required and  
12 established pursuant to the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act;
- 13 7. To fail to comply with any State Board of Agriculture order;
- 14 or
- 15 8. To violate any provision of the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae  
16 Act.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 271, O.S.L.  
18 2024 (2 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 6-520), is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 Section 6-520. A. This section shall be known and may be cited  
21 as the "Chronic Wasting Disease Genetic Improvement Act".

22 B. No later than November 1, 2024, the Oklahoma Department of  
23 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall establish a pilot program to  
24 enhance the genetic durability of Oklahoma deer against chronic

1 wasting disease. Such pilot program shall include, but not be  
2 limited to, the following program characteristics:

3 1. The Department of Wildlife Conservation will begin  
4 collecting DNA samples to establish a baseline of average genetic  
5 codon markers and genomic breeding values for native, free-ranging  
6 Oklahoma white-tailed deer. For establishing testing locations in  
7 the state, the Department shall use Interstates 35 and 40 as  
8 dividing lines or established Department deer management zones as  
9 published in the current hunting regulations guide;

10 2. Limit participation in the program to native white-tailed  
11 deer, born and raised in Oklahoma with genetic resistance breeding,  
12 including the SS allele at codon 96, and that surpass the genomic  
13 estimated breeding value cutoff established for the program by the  
14 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; and

15 3. Beginning in 2026, during the months of February and March  
16 and through the fifteenth of April, bred female and male deer that  
17 meet the specification of paragraph 2 of this subsection may be  
18 released into native cervidae populations.

19 C. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry  
20 and the Department of Wildlife Conservation may promulgate rules as  
21 needed to implement the provisions of this act.

22 D. ~~The Department of Wildlife Conservation~~ Oklahoma Department  
23 of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry may charge a one-time permit fee,  
24 which shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), for citizens

1 purchasing deer as a result of criteria established in the pilot  
2 program.

3 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
4 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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