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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 551

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8 An Act relating to cervidae; amending 2 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 6-505, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 63,
10 O.S.L. 2018 (2 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 6-505), which
11 relates to confinement or export of cervidae;
12 authorizing the State Veterinarian to allow import of
13 certain cervidae upon notification to the Department
14 of Wildlife Conservation; requiring any laws or
15 regulations pertaining to the import of nonnative
16 cervidae to be consistent with federal regulation;
17 providing for codification; and declaring an
18 emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2011, Section 6-505, as
21 amended by Section 1, Chapter 63, O.S.L. 2018 (2 O.S. Supp. 2018,
22 Section 6-505), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 6-505. A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
24 Food, and Forestry shall promulgate rules regarding the application
and licensing process, including but not limited to:

1. The expiration date of a farmed cervidae facility license:

- 1 a. the license shall expire on June 30 of each calendar
2 year, and the renewal application shall be submitted
3 no later than April 1 of each calendar year,
- 4 b. any renewal application received or postmarked after
5 the renewal date shall be subject to a ten-percent
6 penalty in addition to the renewal fee,
- 7 c. in addition to the renewal application containing all
8 information from the initial license application other
9 than the information requirements of paragraphs 6, 7
10 and 8 of subsection C of Section 6-504 of this title,
11 the licensee shall submit a signed, complete,
12 accurate, and legible form with the following
13 information:

14 (1) the annual report containing all inventory
15 information for all cervidae one (1) year of age
16 or older, unless the facility is a Chronic
17 Wasting Disease monitored herd with a current
18 Chronic Wasting Disease inventory on file with
19 the Department,

20 (2) any changes to the facility or change in status
21 of convictions as required by paragraph 8 of
22 subsection C of Section 6-504 of this title since
23 the last renewal or original license application,
24 including, but not limited to:

- (a) changes in contact information, and
- (b) changes in perimeter fences, including attaching an updated facility map indicating any expansion, change in facility perimeter, or any additional fencing, and

d. failure to renew a license by the expiration date shall result in the facility being quarantined until an administrative hearing can be conducted. The failure may result in revocation of the license, loss of the facility number, closure of the facility, and removal of the cervidae from the premises;

2. Fees for farmed cervidae facility licenses and all renewals;

3. Procedures for the transfer of ownership:

a. the new owner or operator shall submit to the Department a transfer application, attaching any change of conditions resulting from the transfer of ownership or operation,

b. after receipt of the information required, the Department shall review the information, and within thirty (30) days, issue approval or denial of the transfer. Transfer of a license shall be denied only if the new owner or operator cannot comply with the requirements of transfer, and

1 c. if a transfer is denied, written notification of the
2 denial and an opportunity for an administrative
3 hearing on the denial shall be given to the
4 applicant for a transfer license by the Department.
5 The notification shall set forth the reasons for the
6 denial, steps necessary to meet the requirements for
7 a transfer license and the opportunity for the
8 applicant to request an administrative hearing;

9 4. Recordkeeping requirements:

10 a. all required records shall be kept by the owner or
11 operator for a maximum of three (3) years, and

12 b. the following records shall be maintained at the
13 facility:

14 (1) records of all cervidae sold, killed, given away,
15 transported, or shipped from a farmed cervidae
16 facility,

17 (2) proof that the cervidae are from a legal source
18 and records kept and animals marked to identify
19 individual animals,

20 (3) the Chronic Wasting Disease inventory or an
21 inventory of cervidae one (1) year of age or
22 older containing the following information:

23 (a) name and address of the farmed cervidae
24 facility, the owner, and the operator,

1 (b) a listing of any and all identification
2 numbers assigned to the cervidae by the
3 owner or operator and any other official
4 entity using either any official
5 identification approved by the Department or
6 United States Department of Agriculture
7 alphanumeric test tag number or official
8 Canadian alphanumeric test tag number, if
9 applicable,

10 (c) age,

11 (d) sex,

12 (e) date of purchase,

13 (f) date of death or date of change of
14 ownership,

15 (g) any cervidae born at the facility that are
16 one (1) year of age or older shall be shown
17 on the inventory record, or upon sale or
18 transfer of ownership or upon leaving the
19 facility, whichever comes first, and

20 (h) date the inventory was completed, and

21 (4) herd and individual animal health documents,
22 including, but not limited to, the Certificate of
23 Veterinary Inspection and test results;

24 5. Importation requirements:

1 a. import of cervidae originating in any county or
2 Canadian province where Chronic Wasting Disease exists
3 in free-ranging native herds shall be prohibited,
4 except the State Veterinarian may allow an import from
5 a Canadian province with Chronic Wasting Disease ~~upon~~
6 ~~approval of~~ after notification to the Oklahoma
7 Department of Wildlife Conservation and based on a
8 review of the following factors:

- 9 (1) distance of the farmed cervidae facility from the
10 Chronic Wasting Disease area,
11 (2) the existence of double fencing between the
12 farmed cervidae facility and free-ranging native
13 herds,
14 (3) farmed cervidae facility biosecurity measures,
15 (4) participation of the farmed cervidae facility in
16 any Canadian Chronic Wasting Disease herd
17 certification programs, and
18 (5) any other relevant factors,

19 b. all other cervidae imports shall only be from a source
20 herd that is in a Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance
21 and certification program for a minimum of five (5)
22 years monitored and the program meets the standards of
23 cervidae importation into Oklahoma,
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1 c. import of cervidae shall be accompanied by a
2 Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and an approved
3 Cervidae Import Permit, and

4 d. import of cervidae shall follow all other disease
5 testing required by the Oklahoma Statutes or rules
6 promulgated by the Department;

7 6. Animal identification requirements;

8 7. Fencing requirements and limits on the size of licensed
9 facilities, including:

10 a. the owner or operator shall ensure that farmed
11 cervidae are confined to the lands described in the
12 application,

13 b. the perimeter of each farmed cervidae facility shall
14 be an eight-foot game or high tensile fence designed
15 in a manner to prevent ingress and egress of cervidae,

16 c. damage caused to a farmed cervidae facility perimeter
17 fence by a natural disaster shall not constitute a
18 violation so long as the owner or operator begins any
19 necessary repairs immediately upon discovery, acts
20 expeditiously in the opinion of the Department to
21 complete any necessary repairs, and reports the extent
22 and cause of any damage to the Department within two
23 (2) working days of discovery,
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1 d. the owner or operator shall notify the Department
2 within two (2) working days of discovery of any wild
3 cervidae within the farmed cervidae facility,

4 e. the owner or operator shall provide each farmed
5 cervidae with adequate water, adequate feed, and
6 appropriate natural or manmade shelter, and

7 f. facility size shall be limited to the largest
8 practicable area to ensure no native or wild cervidae
9 are within the confines of the facility. Limitations
10 on facility size may include but not be limited to
11 geography and topography of the property; and

12 8. Flushing procedures prepared with the input from the
13 Department of Wildlife Conservation to ensure no native cervidae
14 remain in a newly established licensed enclosure.

15 B. Any application for a farmed cervidae license shall be on a
16 form prescribed by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and
17 Forestry.

18 C. All farmed cervidae shall be confined to the lands described
19 in the application for a specific facility and in a manner to
20 prohibit:

21 1. Native cervidae from becoming part of a licensed farmed
22 cervidae facility; and

23 2. Farmed cervidae from commingling with native cervidae.
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1 D. When practicable the initial or annual inspection shall be
2 coordinated with the owner or operator. In no case shall access by
3 the Department be restricted in the event coordination does not
4 occur.

5 E. The Department and the Department of Wildlife Conservation
6 may coordinate and conduct inspections or investigations jointly.

7 F. Export of cervidae originating in any Oklahoma county where
8 Chronic Wasting Disease exists in free-ranging native herds shall be
9 allowed if exported from a monitored facility that is not
10 quarantined.

11 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-516 of Title 2, unless there
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 Any regulation relating to the import of nonnative cervidae
15 adopted by a local government, authority, or state agency or office
16 shall be consistent with corresponding federal regulations.

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

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