

Subject Deer Carcass Importation

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Summary

This bill would expand a provision prohibiting the importation of Cervidae carcasses (ex. deer, elk, and moose). Under current law, a person cannot import a hunter-harvested Cervidae carcass unless it has been processed to meet certain requirements to ensure it has been cleaned of all brain tissue and the spinal column (e.g. cut and wrapped meat, finished taxidermy mounts, or quartered without the spinal column or head attached). This bill would expand the provision to all Cervidae carcasses, not just hunter-harvested ones.

The original provision was passed last session as part of a number of provisions adopted to address the threat of chronic wasting disease (CWD). A similar restriction had been temporarily adopted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in rule.

The provision would become effective the day after final enactment.