

H.F. 305

As introduced

Subject Farmed white-tailed deer

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Overview

This bill would impose a moratorium on new farmed white-tailed deer herds and offer a voluntary buyout to the owners of white-tailed deer herds currently registered with the Board of Animal Health (BAH). It would also prohibit cervid farmers from moving white-tailed deer from one premises to another.

Summary

Section Description

1 Mandatory registration.

Prohibits the registration of additional farmed white-tailed deer herds beginning the day after this bill is enacted.

2 Mandatory surveillance for chronic wasting disease.

Prohibits the movement of farmed white-tailed deer from one premises to another beginning the day after this bill is enacted.

3 Voluntary white-tailed deer buyout; appropriation.

Appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the general fund to BAH to offer a voluntary buyout to the owner of each herd of white-tailed deer registered with BAH. An owner participating in the buyout program would be required to sign a contract certifying that the person will not allow any wild or farmed white-tailed deer to be located on the premises of the deer farm and must record a corresponding deed restriction with the county recorder or registrar of title so that this restriction is binding on future owners of the property.

4 Effective date.

This bill would take effect the day following final enactment.



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