

Subject Farmed cervids
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Overview

As amended, this bill would: provide public access to the location of registered cervid farms, specify that the owner is responsible for properly disposing of a farmed cervid that tests positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), prohibit the Board of Animal Health (BAH) from issuing new registrations for the possession of farmed white-tailed deer, and specify that the owner is liable for additional costs associated with the escape of a farmed cervid infected with CWD.

Summary

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1	Animal premises data. Requires the BAH to provide the public access to data that identifies the location of cervid farms registered with the board.
2	Running at large prohibited. Establishes that the owner of an escaped and destroyed farmed cervid that tests positive for CWD is responsible for properly disposing of the animal.
3	Mandatory registration. Generally prohibits the BAH from approving new registrations for the possession of farmed white-tailed deer. Specifies that a registration may be sold or transferred once, but only to a family member who resides in the state, and the BAH may approve the sale or transfer only if the person pays a \$500 transfer fee and the BAH verifies that the herd is free from CWD.
4	Mandatory surveillance of chronic wasting disease; depopulation. Establishes that the owner of farmed cervids that test positive for CWD is responsible for properly disposing of the animals. Provides that the owner is liable for any additional costs associated with the escape of an animal infected with CWD,

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including additional surveillance and capture costs. Authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to enforce this requirement on behalf of a state agency.



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