

Subject Live Cervidae Importation

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Summary

This bill would allow for the importation of live Cervidae (ex: deer, elk, and moose) between an accredited facility and certain unaccredited facilities.

There is a general prohibition against importing live Cervidae from states where chronic wasting disease has been detected in wild or farmed populations in the last five years. Importation from these states is allowed if the animal has been tested for chronic wasting disease and the disease was not detected through a validated live-animal test. The current law provides an exception to the general prohibition for transfers between accredited facilities.

This bill adds another exception for a transfer between:

- 1) a facility accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums; and
- 2) an unaccredited facility that:
 - is a United States Department of Agriculture-licensed exhibitor of regulated animals;
 - houses animals owned by institutions accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association; and
 - participates in the American Zoo and Aquarium Association Species Survival Plan.