

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2862

6 By: Wallace

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8 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of  
9 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; empowering certain  
10 regulation of certain disease related to cervidae;  
11 prohibiting certain regulation; authorizing the  
12 promulgation of rules; requiring certain  
13 consultation; providing for codification; and  
14 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
15 emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2.4F of Title 2, unless there is  
19 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. Except as may otherwise be provided by law, the Oklahoma  
21 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall be the state  
22 entity empowered to implement all policy of the state regarding the  
23 care, testing, and regulation of Chronic Wasting Disease and its  
24 presence or lack thereof among cervidae in the state.

B. The Department shall, in consultation with no less than two  
(2) out-of-state individuals or researchers reasonably considered by

1 the Department to be experts in the field of animal diseases,  
2 promulgate rules as needed to implement the provisions of this act.  
3 No county or other state agency or political subdivision of this  
4 state shall enact or enforce any order, ordinance, or regulation, or  
5 perform actions which conflict with, duplicate, or impede the  
6 authority provided to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food,  
7 and Forestry pursuant to Section A of this act.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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

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