

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2862

By: Wallace of the House

and

Hall of the Senate

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

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

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

23 A. Except as may otherwise be provided by law, the Oklahoma
24 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall be the state
 entity empowered to implement all policy of the state regarding the

1 care, testing, and regulation of Chronic Wasting Disease and its
2 presence or lack thereof among cervidae in the state.

3 B. The Department shall, in consultation with no less than two
4 (2) out-of-state individuals or researchers reasonably considered by
5 the Department to be experts in the field of animal diseases,
6 promulgate rules as needed to implement the provisions of this act.
7 No county or other state agency or political subdivision of this
8 state shall enact or enforce any order, ordinance, or regulation, or
9 perform actions which conflict with, duplicate, or impede the
10 authority provided to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food,
11 and Forestry pursuant to Section A of this act.

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

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

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
19 03/02/2023 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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