

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3462

By: Archer and **Moore** of the
House

and

Green of the Senate

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11 An Act relating to live game; creating the Chronic
12 Wasting Disease Genetic Improvement Act, providing
13 for reference; requiring creation of certain pilot
14 program by certain date; establishing program's
15 purpose to enhance genetic durability of Oklahoma
16 deer against chronic wasting disease; establishing
17 program at the Department of Agriculture, Food, and
18 Forestry; requiring certain assistance of the
19 Oklahoma Department of Wildlife; requiring collection
20 of DNA samples; requiring certain procedures and
21 determinations; requiring program be administered in
22 quadrants of the state; providing for the
23 establishments of quadrants; limiting participation
24 in program; providing for certain timeline of program
 activity; authorizing the promulgation of rules;
 providing for a one time permit fee; and providing an
 effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-520 of Title 2, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Chronic
5 Wasting Disease Genetic Improvement Act".

6 B. No later than November 1, 2024, the Department of
7 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall establish a pilot program to
8 enhance the genetic durability of Oklahoma deer against chronic
9 wasting disease. Such Pilot Program shall include, but not be
10 limited to, the following program characteristics:

11 1. With the assistance of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife,
12 provide for the collection of DNA samples to establish a baseline of
13 average genetic codon markers and genomic breeding values for
14 Oklahoma deer in each quadrant of the state. For purposes of
15 establishing quadrants of the state, the Department shall use
16 Interstates 35 and 40 as dividing lines for such quadrants;

17 2. Limit participation in the program to native cervid, born
18 and raised in Oklahoma with genetic resistance breeding, including
19 the SS allele at codon 96, and that surpass the genomic estimated
20 breeding value cutoff established for the program by the Department
21 of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;

22 3. Beginning in 2025, during the month of October buck deer
23 with antlers removed beyond the second antler tine may be released;

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1 4. Beginning in 2026, during the months of February, March, and
2 through the 15th of April, bred female deer may be released.

3 C. The Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and the
4 Oklahoma Department of Wildlife may promulgate rules as needed to
5 implement the provisions of this Act.

6 D. The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife may charge a one time
7 permit fee, which shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),
8 for citizens purchasing deer for the pilot program.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 2024.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, dated 02/21/2024 - DO
12 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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