

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3462

By: Archer and Moore of the
House

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

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

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

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

B. No later than November 1, 2024, the Department of
Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall establish a pilot program to

1 enhance the genetic durability of Oklahoma deer against chronic
2 wasting disease. Such pilot program shall include, but not be
3 limited to, the following program characteristics:

4 1. With the assistance of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife,
5 provide for the collection of DNA samples to establish a baseline of
6 average genetic codon markers and genomic breeding values for
7 Oklahoma deer in each quadrant of the state. For purposes of
8 establishing quadrants of the state, the Department shall use
9 Interstates 35 and 40 as dividing lines for such quadrants;

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

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

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

19 C. The Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and the
20 Oklahoma Department of Wildlife may promulgate rules as needed to
21 implement the provisions of this act.

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of February, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate