

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL 3462

By: Archer and Moore of the
House

6 and

7 Green of the Senate

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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:

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

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

8 1. The Department of Wildlife Conservation will begin
9 collecting DNA samples to establish a baseline of average genetic
10 codon markers and genomic breeding values for native, free-ranging
11 Oklahoma white-tailed deer. For establishing testing locations in
12 the state, the Department shall use Interstates 35 and 40 as
13 dividing lines or established Department deer management zones as
14 published in the current hunting regulations guide;

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

20 3. Beginning in 2026, during the months of February and March
21 and through the 15th of April, bred female and male deer may be
22 released.

1 C. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
2 and the Department of Wildlife Conservation may promulgate rules as
3 needed to implement the provisions of this act.

4 D. The Department of Wildlife Conservation may charge a one-
5 time permit fee, which shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars
6 (\$500.00), for citizens purchasing deer as a result of criteria
7 established in the pilot program.

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

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