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## SENATE BILL No. 32

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**Synopsis:** Prevention of chronic wasting disease.

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## SENATE BILL No. 32

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-22-34.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]:

4 **Chapter 34.5. Chronic Wasting Disease Pilot Program**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "chronic wasting disease"**  
6 **means a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy that infects deer**  
7 **and causes a deer to develop lesions in the brain and experience:**

- 8 (1) the loss of body condition;  
9 (2) behavioral changes;  
10 (3) excessive salivation;  
11 (4) increased drinking and urination;  
12 (5) depression; and  
13 (6) death.

14 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "chronic wasting disease**  
15 **certified herd program" means the program described in 345**

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1 IAC 2-7-4.

2 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "genomically estimated  
3 breeding value (GEBV)" means a statistically generated number  
4 or score that estimates the total genetic potential of an animal with  
5 respect to heritable trait.

6 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "owner" means a person that  
7 owns a white-tailed deer herd participating in the chronic wasting  
8 disease certified herd program.

9 Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "pilot program" means the  
10 chronic wasting disease pilot program established under section 6  
11 of this chapter.

12 Sec. 6. Not later than December 31, 2025, the department and  
13 the Indiana state board of animal health shall establish the chronic  
14 wasting disease pilot program to enhance the genetic durability of  
15 Indiana's white-tailed deer population.

16 Sec. 7. Beginning January 1, 2026, the department shall collect  
17 DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) samples of native, free-range Indiana  
18 white-tailed deer to establish a baseline of average genetic codon  
19 markers and genomic breeding values for native, free-range  
20 Indiana white-tailed deer.

21 Sec. 8. (a) Not later than February 1, 2026, the Indiana state  
22 board of animal health shall issue a permit under the pilot  
23 program that allows a person to purchase white-tailed deer from  
24 a herd that is part of the chronic wasting disease certified herd  
25 program.

26 (b) The permit must allow a person to purchase white-tailed  
27 deer from a chronic wasting disease certified herd in the months  
28 of:

- 29 (1) February;
- 30 (2) March; and
- 31 (3) April.

32 (c) The price of a permit under subsection (a) may not exceed  
33 five hundred dollars (\$500).

34 Sec. 9. (a) A person may not purchase white-tailed deer from  
35 a herd that is part of the chronic wasting disease certified herd  
36 program unless the person purchases a permit under section 8 of  
37 this chapter.

38 (b) A permit issued under section 8 of this chapter is valid for  
39 one (1) year.

40 Sec. 10. An owner that wishes to sell deer under the pilot  
41 program shall do the following:

- 42 (1) Only sell white-tailed deer genetically resistant to chronic



wasting disease with a genomically estimated breeding value (GEBV) greater than fifty-six thousandths (0.056).

(2) Only sell or offer to sell white-tailed deer to a person between February 1 and April 30 of each year of the pilot program.

**Sec. 11. Funds collected from permits purchased under section 8 of this chapter shall be:**

- (1) deposited in the captive cervidae programs fund; and
- (2) used to fund the pilot program.

**Sec. 12. The department and the Indiana state board of animal health may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.**

**Sec. 13. This chapter expires January 1, 2034.**

SECTION 2. IC 15-17-14.7-16, AS ADDED BY P.L.89-2016, SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 16. (a) The captive cervidae programs fund is established. The board may use money in the fund to pay the expenses of:

(1) administering **IC 14-22-34.5**, IC 15-17-14.5 and this chapter; and

(2) implementing programs to control diseases in cervidae authorized under this article.

(b) The fund shall be administered by the board.

(c) The fund consists of all fees collected under this chapter **and permit fees collected under IC 14-22-34.5-11.**

(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

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