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SENATE BILL No. 32

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Chronic wasting disease. Requires the department of natural resources to begin collecting DNA samples of native, free-range Indiana white-tailed deer. Directs the Indiana state board of animal health to issue a permit that allows a person to purchase white-tailed deer from a herd that is part of the chronic wasting disease certified herd program. Establishes various requirements for the owner of a herd who wishes to sell deer under the pilot program.

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~~ 2. As used in this chapter, "chronic wasting disease
15 certified herd program" means the program described in 345
16 IAC 2-7-4.
17 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "genomically estimated

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breeding value (GEBV)" means a statistically generated number or score that estimates the total genetic potential of an animal with respect to heritable trait.

Sec. ~~<3>~~ [4. As used in this chapter, "owner" means a person that owns a white-tailed deer herd participating in the chronic wasting disease certified herd program.

Sec. 5]. As used in this chapter, "pilot program" means the chronic wasting disease pilot program established under section ~~<4>~~ [6] of this chapter.

Sec. ~~<4>~~ [6]. Not later than December 31, 2025, the department [and the Indiana state board of animal health] shall establish the chronic wasting disease pilot program to enhance the genetic durability of Indiana's white-tailed deer population.

Sec. ~~<5>~~ [7]. ~~<P>~~ [Beginning January 1, 2026, t]he department shall ~~<do the following:~~

~~— (1) Collect DNA samples~~ [collect DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) samples of native, free-range Indiana white-tailed deer] to establish a baseline of average genetic codon markers and genomic breeding values for native, free-range Indiana white-tailed deer.

~~<— (2) Establish a testing location for DNA samples collected from native, free-range Indiana white-tailed deer.~~

~~— (3) Create and operate a captive breeding program for native, free-range Indiana~~ [Sec. 8. (a) Not later than February 1, 2026, the Indiana state board of animal health shall issue a permit under the pilot program that allows a person to purchase] white-tailed deer ~~<that:~~

~~— (A) identifies~~ [from a herd that is part of the chronic wasting disease certified herd program.

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

(1) February;

(2) March; and

(3) April.

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

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

(b) A permit issued under section 8 of this chapter is valid for



one (1) year.

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

(1) Only sell white-tailed deer genetically resistant to chronic wasting disease ~~<by assigning white-tailed deer>~~ [with] a genomically estimated breeding value (GEBV) ~~<~~;

~~— (B) breeds the genetically resistant white-tailed deer to increase the population's genetic resistance to chronic wasting disease; and~~

~~— (C) releases the bred female and male white-tailed deer between February and April 2027.~~

~~— (4) Take any additional action necessary to establish and operate the pilot program.~~

~~— Sec. 6. (a) The department may>~~ [greater than fifty-six thousandths (0.056).

(2) Only sell or offer to sell white-tailed deer ~~<bred from the pilot program for five hundred dollars (\$500) per deer.~~

~~— (b) The department shall not sell more than fifty percent (50%) of the bred white-tailed deer from>~~ [to a person between February 1 and April 30 of each year of] the pilot program.

Sec. ~~<7>~~ [11]. Funds collected from ~~<the sale of white-tailed deer bred 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 ~~<shall be deposited in the fish and wildlife fund>~~.

Sec. ~~<8>~~ [12]. The department [and the Indiana state board of animal health] may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

Sec. ~~<9>~~ [13]. This chapter expires January 1, 20~~<28>~~ [34].

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



- 1 permit fees collected under IC 14-22-34.5-11.
- 2 (d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
- 3 money in the fund.
- 4 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
- 5 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
- 6 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
- 7 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.
- 8 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
- 9 revert to the state general fund.
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