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3 By Senator Williams
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to deer hunting; to allow certain land
6 owners to register and pay a fee for an earlier deer season
7 start date; to authorize certain public officers to enter the
8 property of certain registered deer enclosures to enforce game
9 and fish laws and revoke future registrations for violations;
10 and to authorize the Department of Conservation and Natural
11 Resources to adopt rules.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. (a) Any person, firm, corporation, or
14 association operating an enclosure for any game animal of the
15 species of the family cervidae, as defined in Section
16 9-11-500(1), that complies with Chapter 11 of Title 9, Code of
17 Alabama 1975, and all applicable rules promulgated by the
18 Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources thereunder,
19 including, but not limited to, the rules governing the release
20 of captive raised cervidae, rules governing deer enclosures,
21 and rules related to restrictions on possession, sale,
22 importation, and/or release of certain animals, may register
23 such enclosure annually with the Department of Conservation
24 and Natural Resources.

1 (b) The registration fee shall be two thousand five
2 hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year and shall be subject to
3 adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68, Code of Alabama
4 1975. The registration form shall be prescribed by the
5 Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. All
6 registration forms and fees must be submitted on or before
7 July 1 of each year. All registration fees collected by the
8 Department shall be paid into the Game and Fish Fund of the
9 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

10 Section 2. (a) The period during which deer may be
11 hunted by gun deer stalk hunting methods, as those are defined
12 by rules adopted by the Department of Conservation and Natural
13 Resources, for registered enclosures shall be established by
14 the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources
15 pursuant to Section 9-2-7, Code of Alabama 1975, and shall be
16 equal to the minimum number of consecutive calendar days set
17 by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources for
18 any gun deer stalk hunting on privately owned or leased lands.

19 (b) The hunting period may begin on the earliest
20 date set by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural
21 Resources for any deer season and shall not extend past the
22 last date set for any gun deer stalk hunting on privately
23 owned or leased lands.

24 Section 3. Duly authorized agents of the Department
25 of Conservation and Natural Resources, game wardens, and other

1 law enforcement officers authorized to enforce game and fish
2 laws shall have authority to enforce all game and fish laws
3 and regulations on all registered deer enclosures and are
4 authorized to enter and inspect registered enclosures.

5 Section 4. (a) Any person, firm, corporation, or
6 association violating any provision of this act shall be
7 guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof,
8 shall be punished as provided by law.

9 (b) In addition to the penalties in subsection (a),
10 any person, firm, corporation, or association who violates
11 this act, or any rules promulgated pursuant to this act, shall
12 not be eligible for registration pursuant to this act or
13 eligible to service as an officer of any firm, corporation, or
14 association registered pursuant to this act.

15 Section 5. The Commissioner of the Department of
16 Conservation and Natural Resources may adopt rules to
17 implement and enforce this act.

18 Section 6. This act shall become effective
19 immediately following its passage and approval by the
20 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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