

HOUSE BILL No. 1619

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-8-2-296.5; IC 14-22-6-8.5.

Synopsis: Sale of venison. Permits a person to sell venison from a deer taken in Indiana if certain requirements are met.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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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 14-8-2-296.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 296.5. "Venison", for purposes of**
- 4 **IC 14-22-6-8.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-22-6-8.5.**
- 5 SECTION 2. IC 14-22-6-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 6 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 7 1, 2025]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) As used in this section, "venison" means meat**
- 8 **from a deer.**
- 9 **(b) A person may sell venison if the following requirements are**
- 10 **met:**
- 11 **(1) The person sells venison only from a deer legally taken in**
- 12 **Indiana.**
- 13 **(2) The deer is processed at a commercial deer processing**
- 14 **facility in Indiana.**
- 15 **(3) The venison's packaging is labeled with the following**
- 16 **information:**
- 17 **(A) The name and address of the producer of the food**



- 1 **product.**
- 2 **(B) The common or usual name of the food product.**
- 3 **(C) The ingredients of the food product, in descending**
- 4 **order by predominance by weight.**
- 5 **(D) The net weight or volume of the food product by**
- 6 **standard measure or numerical count.**
- 7 **(E) The date on which the food product was processed.**
- 8 **(4) Following the processing of the deer, the:**
- 9 **(A) packaging containing the venison is not altered or**
- 10 **disturbed; and**
- 11 **(B) food product containing the venison is kept**
- 12 **refrigerated through the point of sale and delivery to the**
- 13 **consumer.**
- 14 **(5) Any additional rules adopted by the department.**
- 15 **(c) Any person may prepare and serve venison for human**
- 16 **consumption if the venison is purchased from a person who**
- 17 **complies with this section.**
- 18 **(d) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
- 19 **implement this section.**

