

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 8, 2024

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 3462

6 By: Archer and Moore of the  
7 House

8 and

9 Green of the Senate

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  
25 permit fee; providing for codification; and providing  
26 an effective date.

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

28 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
29 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-520 of Title 2, unless there  
30 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.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND WILDLIFE  
10 April 8, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED BY CS

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