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H.B. No. 426

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the release of deer by certain deer breeder facilities to a low-fenced site.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 43.361(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Section 43.3615, a [A] release site onto which breeder deer are liberated must be surrounded by a fence not less than seven feet in height that is capable of retaining deer at all times under reasonable and ordinary circumstances.

SECTION 2. Subchapter L, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 43.3615 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.3615. RELEASE BY CERTAIN DEER BREEDER FACILITIES TO LOW-FENCED SITE. (a) A deer breeder facility with the highest status transfer category as determined by commission rule may release breeder deer to a low-fenced site that:

(1) includes at least 5,000 acres of contiguous land;
and

(2) is within 200 miles of the deer breeder facility.

(b) The commission shall adopt rules governing a release of breeder deer under this section.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.