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H.B. No. 2556

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a prohibition on the importation of Chronic Wasting  
3 Disease-susceptible species; providing a criminal penalty.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 161, Agriculture Code, is  
6 amended by adding section 161.082 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 161.082. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF CHRONIC WASTING  
8 DISEASE-SUSCEPTIBLE SPECIES. The commission by rule shall prohibit  
9 the importation into Texas of all species that are susceptible to  
10 chronic wasting disease (CWD) until such time as rules and  
11 regulations are in place to satisfactorily monitor the intrastate  
12 movement of CWD-susceptible species, or until such time as a  
13 validated, reasonable and reliable live animal test for CWD is  
14 available.

15 SECTION 2. Section 161.143(a), Agriculture Code, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 (a) A person, including a railroad company or other common  
18 carrier, commits an offense if the person knowingly moves an animal  
19 into this state in violation of a rule of the commission adopted  
20 under Section 161.081 or 161.082 [~~of this code~~].

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.