

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 573
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Culture, Recreation, & Tourism
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, regulations found in Chapter 43 (Special Licenses and Permits), Parks and Wildlife Code, along with Parks and Wildlife Department rules, govern the deer breeding industry in Texas. These rules and laws do not account for current demands and practices.

CSSB 573 creates a select interim committee to study the deer breeding industry and its economic contribution, especially its impact on rural areas, and requests that barriers to and opportunities for the industry's growth be identified.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. (a) Creates a select interim committee (committee) to study the practice of breeding white-tailed and mule deer in this state. Requires certain information to be examined and included in the committee's study.

(b) Sets forth the composition of the committee.

(c) Requires the members of the committee to elect a presiding officer from among its members.

(d) Requires the committee to convene at the call of the presiding officer.

(e) Provides that the committee has all other powers and duties provided to a special or select committee by the rules of the senate and house of representatives, by Subchapter B (Legislative Reorganization Act), Chapter 301, Government Code, and by policies of the senate and house committees on administration.

(f) Entitles the members of the committee to be reimbursed equally from the contingent expense fund of the senate and house of representatives for expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Act, in accordance with the rules of the senate and house of representatives and the policies of the senate and house committees on administration.

(g) Requires the committee to report their findings and recommendations to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the members of the 81st Legislature not later than February 1, 2009.

(h) Requires the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor to appoint the members of the committee created under this section not later than the 60th day after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

CSSB573 specifies that of the members of the committee appointed by the governor, only one must be a nonelected individual who holds a permit, and includes language stating that the other members of the committee appointed by the governor shall not be employed by a governmental entity.