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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to an interim study concerning the breeding of white-tailed and mule deer in this state.

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

SECTION 1. (a) A select interim committee is created to study the practice of breeding white-tailed and mule deer in this state. The committee's study must include, but is not limited to, an examination of:

(1) the operation of breeding facilities in this state;

(2) whether any barriers exist that prevent the breeding industry from operating in the most efficient, effective manner;

(3) whether any opportunities exist that could improve or enhance the breeding industry in this state; and

(4) responsibility for disease control and associated issues of liability and indemnification.

(b) The committee consists of the following 10 members:

(1) three members appointed by the lieutenant governor, two of whom must be senators and one of whom must be a nonelected individual who holds a permit under Subchapter L, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code;

(2) three members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, two of whom must be representatives and

1 one of whom must be a nonelected individual who holds a permit under
2 Subchapter L, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code;

3 (3) three members appointed by the governor, each of
4 whom must be a nonelected individual who holds a permit under
5 Subchapter L, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code; and

6 (4) one member appointed by the chair of the Parks and
7 Wildlife Commission who is not employed by a governmental entity.

8 (c) The members of the committee shall elect a presiding
9 officer from among its members.

10 (d) The committee shall convene at the call of the presiding
11 officer.

12 (e) The committee has all other powers and duties provided
13 to a special or select committee by the rules of the senate and
14 house of representatives, by Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government
15 Code, and by policies of the senate and house committees on
16 administration.

17 (f) From the contingent expense fund of the senate and the
18 contingent expense fund of the house of representatives equally,
19 the members of the committee are entitled to reimbursement for
20 expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Act in
21 accordance with the rules of the senate and house of
22 representatives and the policies of the senate and house committees
23 on administration.

24 (g) Not later than February 1, 2009, the committee shall
25 report the committee's findings and recommendations to the
26 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
27 and the members of the 81st Legislature.

1 (h) Not later than the 60th day after the effective date of
2 this Act, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
3 representatives, and the governor shall appoint the members of the
4 interim committee created under this section.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.