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S.B. No. 2172

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to proof of title to breeding deer for certain purposes of deer breeding operations.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 43.024, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subchapter L, all ~~[All]~~ protected wildlife collected and subsequently held under this subchapter or rules adopted under this subchapter remain the property of the state and shall be relinquished to the department or an agent of the department on demand or otherwise disposed of in a manner prescribed by the department.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 43.3561, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43.3561. IDENTIFICATION OF BREEDER DEER; TITLE FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

SECTION 3. Section 43.3561, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(d) The deer breeder holding a breeder deer under a deer breeder's permit issued by the department under this subchapter has title to the deer only for the following purposes:

(1) to participate in an indemnity program offered by the United States Department of Agriculture; and

(2) to allow for the passage of title to the deer on

1 the death of the deer breeder or on the sale, transfer, barter, or  
2 exchange of a breeder deer.

3 (e) The tag or any written or photocopied document of any  
4 nature containing the alphanumeric number described by Subsection  
5 (a) may serve as proof of title to a breeder deer for purposes of  
6 Subsection (d).

7 (f) Subsection (d) does not alter the authority of the  
8 department over breeder deer.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.