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TO: Honorable Ryan Guillen, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3776 by Guillen (Relating to the identification of breeder deer by microchips.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend portions of the Parks and Wildlife Code regarding the identification of breeder deer. The bill would expand the definition of durable identification tags to include external tags, microchip implants or other identification tags approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Instead of using a tattoo, a deer breeder may use any approved identification to tag the breeder deer no later than March 31 of the year following the year in which a breeder deer is born. TPWD reports that under § 43.357(b)(9) of the bill, the TPW Commission would be able to adopt rules relating to identifying breeder deer to require deer breeders to incur the full costs associated with the: trapping, corralling, darting, and scanning of any deer subject to inspection upon the request of a Game Warden or other TPWD personnel. To the extent the bill would amend provisions relating to identifying breeder deer, no significant fiscal implication to TPWD or the state is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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