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H.B. No. 2971

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating an offense for the administration of illegal drugs to breeder deer.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.365(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) It is an offense if a deer breeder or another person:

(1) allows the hunting or killing of a breeder deer or any other deer held in captivity in a facility permitted under this subchapter, except as provided by this subchapter or a rule adopted by the commission under this subchapter; ~~or~~

(2) knowingly sells, arranges the sale of, purchases, transfers, receives, or attempts to sell, arrange the sale of, purchase, transfer, or receive a live breeder deer in violation of this subchapter or a rule adopted by the commission under this subchapter; or

(3) administers or utilizes an illegal drug or drug product in deer for the sole purpose of improving body appearance or enhancing antler growth. This subdivision does not apply to the use of approved pharmaceuticals recommended by a veterinarian for medicinal purposes in deer.

SECTION 2. Section 43.367(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A person who violates Section 43.365(a)(1) or (3)

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1 commits an offense that is a Class A Parks and Wildlife Code
2 misdemeanor.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.