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H.B. No. 3832

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to breeder deer affected by chronic wasting disease.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 43.370 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.370. BREEDER DEER AFFECTED BY CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE. (a) Subchapter X does not apply to a breeder deer destroyed under this section.

(b) The department shall make a payment to a deer breeder in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for the care of each breeder deer that is:

(1) under the control of the deer breeder; and

(2) destroyed after the department determines that the breeder deer is positive for chronic wasting disease under a herd certification program administered by the federal Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the determination that a deer is affected by chronic wasting disease that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. A determination that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the deer was determined to be affected by chronic wasting disease, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.