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H.B. No. 3835

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the payment for breeder deer taken for disease management.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.955, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43.955. COST RECOVERY. (a) The applicable permit holder shall pay all costs associated with[+]

[~~(1)~~] an epidemiological assessment conducted under this subchapter to the animal health commission[~~;~~ and

[~~(2) the destruction of deer under this subchapter to the department~~].

(b) A permit holder under Subchapter R or R-1 shall pay all costs associated with the destruction of deer under this subchapter to the department.

(c) The department shall pay the cost of a breeder deer destroyed under this subchapter to the holder of the permit under Subchapter L who held the breeder deer in captivity for the purpose of propagation. The amount paid under this section is \$3,000 per deer or an amount set by the commission, whichever is higher.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the destruction of a deer on or after the effective date of this Act. The destruction of a deer before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the deer was destroyed and

1 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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