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H.B. No. 376

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a deer breeding facility 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. DEER BREEDING FACILITY AFFECTED BY CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE. (a) This section applies only to a permitted deer breeding facility for which the department has obtained a chronic wasting disease test result of suspect for any deer at the facility.

(b) As soon as the department determines that all breeder deer at a deer breeding facility described by Subsection (a) are clear of chronic wasting disease, the department shall authorize the resumption of permitted activities at the facility.

(c) The commission may adopt any rules necessary to administer this section.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a deer breeding facility for which the Parks and Wildlife Department obtains a chronic wasting disease test result of suspect on or after the effective date of this Act. A deer breeding facility for which the department obtains a test result of suspect before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the department obtains the suspect test result, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.