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H.B. No. 2482

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a prohibition on chronic wasting disease containment
3 zones and surveillance zones established by the Parks and Wildlife
4 Commission or the Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Parks and Wildlife
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 12.029 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 12.029. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE CONTAINMENT ZONES AND
9 SURVEILLANCE ZONES PROHIBITED. (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Chronic wasting disease containment zone" means a
11 geographic area defined by the commission or the department where:

12 (A) chronic wasting disease is detected; or

13 (B) using the best available science and data,
14 the commission or the department determines chronic wasting disease
15 detection is probable.

16 (2) "Chronic wasting disease surveillance zone" means
17 a geographic area defined by the commission or the department
18 where, using the best available science and data, the commission or
19 the department determines the presence of chronic wasting disease
20 could reasonably be expected.

21 (b) The commission or the department may not:

22 (1) designate or maintain a designation for a
23 geographic area as a chronic wasting disease containment zone or
24 surveillance zone; or

1 (2) otherwise designate or maintain a designation for
2 a geographic area in a manner that regulates the activities in the
3 geographic area of the holder of a license or permit issued under
4 this code based on the detection or expected presence of chronic
5 wasting disease in that area.

6 SECTION 2. On the effective date of this Act, a chronic
7 wasting disease containment zone or surveillance zone, as defined
8 by Section 12.029, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act,
9 that was established before the effective date of this Act is
10 abolished.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.