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S.B. No. 98

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the costs associated with the assessment and
destruction of certain deer.

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

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

(a) The department [~~applicable permit holder~~] shall pay all
costs associated with:

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

(2) [~~except as provided by Subsection (b),~~] the
destruction of deer under this subchapter, including any costs
associated with the disposal of the deer [~~to the department~~].

SECTION 2. Sections 43.955(b) and (c), Parks and Wildlife
Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
to the payment of costs arising from an epidemiological assessment
conducted, or the destruction of deer commenced, on or after the
effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2025.