HB509 ENGROSSED



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5	A BILL
6	TO BE ENTITLED
7	AN ACT
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9	Relating to game breeder licensees; to amend Section
10	9-11-30, Code of Alabama 1975, to prohibit state agencies from
11	killing, testing, and prohibiting the transfer of cervids due
12	to disease, subject to exceptions; to provide that cervids
13	possessed by a licensee are the personal property of that
14	licensee; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to
15	update the existing code language to current style.
16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
17	Section 1. Section 9-11-30, Code of Alabama 1975, is
18	amended to read as follows:
19	" §9-11-30
20	(a) For the purposes of this section, Section 9-11-31,
21	and Section 9-11-31.1, the term "protected game animals and
22	game birds" means any following terms have the following
23	meanings:
24	(1) CERVID. Any member of the family Cervidae possessed
25	by or under the care of a licensed game breeder pursuant to
26	this section, Section 9-11-31, and Section 9-11-31.1.
27	(2) PROTECTED GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS. Any species
28	of bird or animal designated by the Commissioner of



- 29 Conservation and Natural Resources by <u>regulation</u> rule pursuant
- 30 to Section 9-2-7, species of the family Cervidae documented by
- 31 the department to exist in the wild in this state prior to May
- 32 1, 2006, which are whitetail deer, elk, and fallow deer, or
- 33 species of nonindigenous animals lawfully brought into this
- 34 state prior to May 1, 2006, and their offspring.
- 35 (b) (1) Pursuant to the requirements and restrictions of
- 36 subdivisions (2) and (3), the Commissioner of Conservation and
- Natural Resources shall issue an annual game breeder's breeder
- 38 license to any properly accredited person, firm, corporation,
- 39 or association authorizing a game breeder to engage in the
- 40 business of raising protected game birds, game animals, or
- 41 fur-bearing animals, for propagating propagation purposes in
- 42 this state.

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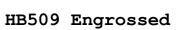
- 43 (2) Before a license is issued, the Commissioner of
- 44 Conservation and Natural Resources shall make or cause to be
- 45 made a thorough investigation—and to determine the
- 46 qualifications, responsibility, and equipment of the applicant
- 47 for entering upon the business of breeding, raising, and
- 48 handling of game birds and game or fur-bearing animals.
- 49 (3) No license shall be issued or renewed for any
- 50 person, firm, corporation, or association or any principal
- officer or partner in a firm, corporation, or association
- 52 which thereof that is convicted of violating subsection (c) of
- 53 Section 9-2-13(c) after May 1, 2006, or for the premises of
- any person, firm, corporation, or association whose license
- 55 privileges are revoked after May 1, 2006.
 - (4) A game breeder's breeder license shall expire on



- 57 September 30 of the year in which issued, unless renewed,
- 58 except that any license issued pursuant to this section
- between May 1, 2006, and September 30, 2006, shall expire on
- 60 September 30, 2006.
- 61 (5) The commissioner shall—promulgate adopt rules for
- 62 engaging in the business of breeding, raising, producing, and
- 63 handling of protected game birds and game animals or
- fur-bearing animals or their eggs, embryos, or semen.
- (c) (1) The fees for issuance of licenses pursuant to
- this section shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for all
- species, except members of the family Cervidae.
- 68 (2) The license fee for breeding members of the family
- 69 Cervidae shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the
- first 50 animals, five hundred dollars (\$500) for 51 to 100
- 71 animals, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for any number of
- 72 animals in excess of more than 100 animals.
- 73 (3) License fees under this section shall be based on
- 74 the number of animals on hand as of the immediately preceding
- 75 April 1 of each year.
- 76 (d) The department and any other agency of this state
- 77 may not do any of the following unless: (i) the specific
- 78 disease has been detected in another cervid possessed by or
- 79 under the care of the licensee; or (ii) the cervid has been
- 80 transferred to the licensee from another licensee and is
- 81 epidemiologically linked to a diseased cervid possessed by or
- under the care of the transferring licensee:
- 83 (1) Require the killing of a cervid due to a disease.
- 84 (2) Require the antemortem disease testing of a cervid.



85	(3) Prohibit or restrict the transfer of a cervid from
86	the premises of a licensee to another person due to a disease
87	if any of the following are satisfied:
88	a. The cervid has tested negative for the disease
89	pursuant to an antemortem test approved by the State
90	Veterinarian prior to transferring.
91	b. The cervid has a genomically estimated breeding
92	value that meets or surpasses the minimum value established by
93	the State Veterinarian, which shall include the SS allele
94	being at codon 96.
95	c. The premises from which the cervid is transferred is
96	double fenced.
97	(e) All cervids possessed by or under the care of a
98	licensee on October 1, 2025, and their offspring, are the
99	personal property of the licensee and are not the property of
100	this state."
101	Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.





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