HB509 ENROLLED



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

- Relating to game breeder licensees; to amend Section
- 4 9-11-30, Code of Alabama 1975, to prohibit state agencies from
- 5 killing, testing, and prohibiting the transfer of cervids due
- 6 to disease, subject to exceptions; to provide that cervids
- 7 possessed by a licensee are the personal property of that
- 8 licensee; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to
- 9 update the existing code language to current style.
- 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
- 11 Section 1. Section 9-11-30, Code of Alabama 1975, is
- 12 amended to read as follows:
- 13 "\$9-11-30
- 14 (a) For the purposes of this section, Section 9-11-31,
- and Section 9-11-31.1, the term "protected game animals and
- 16 game birds" means any following terms have the following
- 17 meanings:
- 18 (1) CERVID. Any member of the family Cervidae possessed
- 19 by a licensed game breeder pursuant to this section, Section
- 20 9-11-31, and Section 9-11-31.1.
- 21 (2) PROTECTED GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS. Any species
- of bird or animal designated by the Commissioner of
- 23 Conservation and Natural Resources by regulation rule pursuant
- 24 to Section 9-2-7, species of the family Cervidae documented by
- 25 the department to exist in the wild in this state prior to May
- 26 1, 2006, which are whitetail deer, elk, and fallow deer, or
- 27 species of nonindigenous animals lawfully brought into this
- state prior to May 1, 2006, and their offspring.



- (b) (1) Pursuant to the requirements and restrictions of subdivisions (2) and (3), the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall issue an annual game-breeder's breeder license to any properly accredited person, firm, corporation, or association authorizing a game breeder to engage in the business of raising protected game birds, game animals, or fur-bearing animals, for propagating propagation purposes in this state.
- (2) Before a license is issued, the Commissioner of

 Conservation and Natural Resources shall make or cause to be

 made a thorough investigation—and_to determine the

 qualifications, responsibility, and equipment of the applicant

 for entering upon the business of breeding, raising, and

 handling of game birds and game or fur-bearing animals.

- (3) No license shall be issued or renewed for any person, firm, corporation, or association or any principal officer or partner in a firm, corporation, or association which thereof that is convicted of violating subsection (c) of Section 9-2-13(c) after May 1, 2006, or for the premises of any person, firm, corporation, or association whose license privileges are revoked after May 1, 2006.
- (4) A game breeder's breeder license shall expire on September 30 of the year in which issued, unless renewed, except that any license issued pursuant to this section between May 1, 2006, and September 30, 2006, shall expire on September 30, 2006.
- (5) The commissioner shall—<u>promulgate</u> adopt rules for engaging in the business of breeding, raising, producing, and



- 57 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.
- (2) The license fee for breeding members of the family
 Cervidae shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the
 first 50 animals, five hundred dollars (\$500) for 51 to 100
 animals, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for any number of
 animals in excess of more than 100 animals.
- 67 (3) License fees under this section shall be based on
 68 the number of animals on hand as of the immediately preceding
 69 April 1 of each year.

- (d) The department may not require the killing of a cervid due to a disease unless: (i) the specific disease has been detected in another cervid possessed by the licensee; or (ii) the cervid has been transferred to the licensee from another licensee and is epidemiologically linked to a diseased cervid possessed by the transferring licensee.
- (e) (1) The department, in consultation with the State

 Veterinarian, shall adopt rules on or before March 1, 2026,

 that allow for the transfer of a cervid from a licensee within

 a designated disease management zone to another licensee or

 enclosure outside of a designated disease management zone

 under the circumstances provided herein. The rules shall

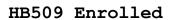
 provide options for the transfer of a cervid, including, but

 not limited to, that the transferring licensee complies with

 all postmortem testing programs and: (i) double fencing of



85	pens and other standards for pens are followed; (ii) a United
86	States Department of Agriculture (USDA) certified live test
87	for chronic wasting disease is used; (iii) scientifically
88	accepted genomic testing values are satisfied; or (iv) any
89	other test approved by the USDA and recommended by the State
90	Veterinarian is used.
91	(2) The department may not adopt an emergency rule that
92	overrides this subsection."
93	Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.





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115	was passed by the House 15-Apr-25, as amended.			
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