

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 32 # 1

DIGEST

Chronic wasting disease. Requires the department of natural resources to begin collecting DNA samples of native, free-range Indiana white-tailed deer. Directs the Indiana state board of animal health to issue a permit that allows a person to purchase white-tailed deer from a herd that is part of the chronic wasting disease certified herd program. Establishes various requirements for the owner of a herd who wishes to sell deer under the pilot program.

- 1 Page 1, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 **"Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "chronic wasting disease**
3 **certified herd program" means the program described in 345**
4 **IAC 2-7-4."**
5 Page 1, line 14, delete "2." and insert "3."
6 Page 1, after line 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:
7 **"Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "owner" means a person that**
8 **owns a white-tailed deer herd participating in the chronic wasting**
9 **disease certified herd program."**
10 Page 2, line 1, delete "3." and insert "5."
11 Page 2, line 2, delete "4" and insert "6".
12 Page 2, delete lines 4 through 34, begin a new paragraph and insert:
13 **"Sec. 6. Not later than December 31, 2025, the department and**
14 **the Indiana state board of animal health shall establish the chronic**
15 **wasting disease pilot program to enhance the genetic durability of**
16 **Indiana's white-tailed deer population.**
17 **Sec. 7. Beginning January 1, 2026, the department shall collect**
18 **DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) samples of native, free-range Indiana**
19 **white-tailed deer to establish a baseline of average genetic codon**
20 **markers and genomic breeding values for native, free-range**
21 **Indiana white-tailed deer.**
22 **Sec. 8. (a) Not later than February 1, 2026, the Indiana state**
23 **board of animal health shall issue a permit under the pilot**
24 **program that allows a person to purchase white-tailed deer from**
25 **a herd that is part of the chronic wasting disease certified herd**

1 **program.**

2 **(b) The permit must allow a person to purchase white-tailed**
 3 **deer from a chronic wasting disease certified herd in the months**
 4 **of:**

- 5 **(1) February;**
 6 **(2) March; and**
 7 **(3) April.**

8 **(c) The price of a permit under subsection (a) may not exceed**
 9 **five hundred dollars (\$500).**

10 **Sec. 9. (a) A person may not purchase white-tailed deer from a**
 11 **herd that is part of the chronic wasting disease certified herd**
 12 **program unless the person purchases a permit under section 8 of**
 13 **this chapter.**

14 **(b) A permit issued under section 8 of this chapter is valid for**
 15 **one (1) year.**

16 **Sec. 10. An owner that wishes to sell deer under the pilot**
 17 **program shall do the following:**

- 18 **(1) Only sell white-tailed deer genetically resistant to chronic**
 19 **wasting disease with a genomically estimated breeding value**
 20 **(GEBV) greater than fifty-six thousandths (0.056).**
 21 **(2) Only sell or offer to sell white-tailed deer to a person**
 22 **between February 1 and April 30 of each year of the pilot**
 23 **program.**

24 **Sec. 11. Funds collected from permits purchased under section**
 25 **8 of this chapter shall be:**

- 26 **(1) deposited in the captive cervidae programs fund; and**
 27 **(2) used to fund the pilot program.**

28 **Sec. 12. The department and the Indiana state board of animal**
 29 **health may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.**

30 **Sec. 13. This chapter expires January 1, 2034.**

31 SECTION 2. IC 15-17-14.7-16, AS ADDED BY P.L.89-2016,
 32 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 16. (a) The captive cervidae programs fund is
 34 established. The board may use money in the fund to pay the expenses
 35 of:

- 36 **(1) administering IC 14-22-34.5, IC 15-17-14.5 and this chapter;**
 37 **and**
 38 **(2) implementing programs to control diseases in cervidae**
 39 **authorized under this article.**

40 **(b) The fund shall be administered by the board.**

1 (c) The fund consists of all fees collected under this chapter **and**
2 **permit fees collected under IC 14-22-34.5-11.**

3 (d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
4 money in the fund.

5 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
6 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
7 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
8 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

9 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
10 to the state general fund.".

(Reference is to SB 32 as introduced.)