

SENATE BILL NO. 146

BY SENATORS THOMPSON, LONG, NEVERS, RISER, SMITH AND WALSWORTH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the heading of Part I of Chapter 19-A of Title 3 of the Louisiana
3 Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 3:3101, 3102(A) and 3104, relative to regulation of
4 farm-raised exotic animals; to authorize the commissioner to adopt rules and
5 regulations setting forth the requirements for the raising, slaughtering, and sale of
6 exotic cervidae for commercial purposes; to require a license; to provide relative to
7 fencing requirements; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. The heading of Part I of Chapter 19-A of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised
10 Statutes of 1950, R.S. 3:3101, 3102(A) and 3104 are hereby amended and reenacted to read
11 as follows:

12 PART I. IMPORTED EXOTIC DEER AND ANTELOPE,
13 ELK, AND FARM-RAISED WHITE TAIL DEER AND OTHER EXOTIC
14 CERVIDAE

15 §3101. Administration; enforcement

16 The commissioner of agriculture and forestry, or his designee, shall
17 administer and enforce this Part. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations
18 setting forth the requirements for the raising, slaughtering, and sale of imported
19 exotic deer and antelope, elk, ~~and~~ farm-raised white tail deer and other exotic
20 cervidae for commercial purposes in this state. All rules and regulations shall be
21 adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

22 §3102. Imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, ~~and~~ farm-raised white tail deer and
23 other exotic cervidae; licensing

24 A. Whoever desires to engage in raising, selling, or raising and selling
25 imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, ~~and~~ farm-raised white tail deer and other
26 exotic cervidae, for commercial purposes, on breeding farms or propagating
27 preserves of which he is the owner or lessee shall apply to the commissioner for a

1 license to do so.

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3 §3104. Fencing requirements

4 Any farm or preserve used for breeding of imported exotic deer, elk, and
5 antelope pursuant to this Part shall be surrounded by a fence of a height of not less
6 than seven feet of wire or other material of a pattern to be approved by the
7 commissioner. The fencing requirements for farm-raised white tail deer **and other**
8 **exotic cervidae** shall be specified pursuant to rule and regulation by the
9 commissioner.

10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
14 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____