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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Permits the possession of white-tailed deer by wildlife rehabilitators and provides for requirements and prohibitions.

Proposed law permits the possession of white-tailed deer by wildlife rehabilitators permitted pursuant to LAC 76:V.131.

Proposed law prohibits the rehabilitation of white-tailed deer originating outside of La.

Proposed law allows the rehabilitation of white-tailed deer from a Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone provided the deer only be released in the same zone from which it originated and the rehabilitator monitor closely for symptoms of the disease subject to rehabilitation permit revocation.

Proposed law provides for the euthanization of any deer showing symptoms of CWD and for quarantine and testing for all deer at the facility.

Proposed law prohibits possession of deer showing symptoms of illness or displaying open fractures and deer that display signs of habituation to humans.

Proposed law provides specifications for enclosure sizes, location, and material for construction of enclosures.

Proposed law requires that fawns be fed from a hanging rack once accustomed to drinking from a bottle.

Proposed law requires notification of the dept. permits coordinator prior to a planned release, which must be in a predetermined location provided by the dept., and prohibits tags, collars, or visual marks on deer that are being released.

(Adds R.S. 56:129)