

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Ventrella

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

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

New 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.

New law provides for the euthanization of any deer showing symptoms of Chronic Wasting Disease and for quarantine and testing for all deer at the facility.

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

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

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

New 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.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 56:129)