

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 119

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

ANIMALS. Provides relative to the licensure and regulation of certain farm-raised exotic animals. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3103(A) and (B), 3105, and 3108(B), relative to the licensure and regulation of farm-raised exotic animals; to provide relative to licensees; to authorize the commissioner to adopt rules regarding fencing requirements; to provide for an increase in civil penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:3103(A) and (B), 3105, and 3108(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3103. Imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, farm-raised white tail deer and other exotic cervidae; licensing

A. ~~Whoever desires to engage~~ **Any person who engages** in **owning**, raising, selling, ~~or raising and selling~~ **or harvesting** imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, farm-raised white tail deer and other exotic cervidae, for ~~commercial purposes~~ **any purpose**, on ~~breeding~~ farms or ~~propagating~~ preserves of which he is the owner or lessee shall apply to the commissioner for a license to do so.

B. The license shall permit the licensee to **own**, breed and propagate such animals and sell them alive, or sell their parts, and to kill and transport them and sell

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Johnson.

Coding: Words which are ~~struck through~~ are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

commissioner of agriculture and forestry for a license.

Proposed law expands current law to require any owner or lessee of farms or preserves engaged in owning, raising, selling, or harvesting imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, farm-raised white tail deer and other exotic cervidae, for any purpose, to apply to the commissioner for a license.

Present law requires that any farm or preserve used for the breeding of imported exotic deer, elk, and antelope be surrounded by a fence of a height of not less than seven feet of wire or other material of a pattern approved by the commissioner.

Proposed law removes the current fencing height requirement and authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules regarding fencing requirements for owners or breeders of imported exotic deer, elk, and antelope.

Present law authorizes the commissioner to impose a civil penalty of up to \$100 per violation.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to raise the civil penalty up to \$1,000 per violation.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:3103(A) and (B), 3105, and 3108(B))