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## DIGEST

Thompson (SB 119)

Present law requires owners or lessees of breeding farms or propagating preserves engaged in raising, selling, or raising and selling imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, farm-raised white tail deer and other exotic cervidae, for commercial purposes, to apply to the 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))