
DIGEST

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HB 197 Engrossed

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Reynolds

Abstract: Prohibits the importation of live cervid.

Proposed law prohibits the importation of any live cervid from outside the state.

Proposed law clarifies that provisions of proposed law do not apply to licenses issued by the Dept. of Agriculture.

Proposed law specifies that violations of proposed law enforced by wildlife agents of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries are class four violations.

Present law provides that a class four violation carries the following penalties:

- (1) First offense, a fine of not less than \$400 nor more than \$950 or imprisonment for not more than 120 days, or both.
- (2) Second offense, a fine of not less than \$750 nor more than \$999 and imprisonment for not less than 90 nor more than 180 days.
- (3) Third and subsequent offenses, a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 and imprisonment for not less than 180 days nor more than two years.
- (4) All class four violations include forfeiture of anything seized in connection with the violation.

(Amends R.S. 3:3103(D) and 56:20(C); Adds R.S. 56:20(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Remove the importation ban on cervid under the authority of the Dept. of Agriculture.
2. Clarify that certain Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries provisions do not apply to licenses issued by the Dept. of Agriculture.

3. Make technical changes.