

HOUSE BILL 1201

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39  
and Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 2, relative to chronic  
wasting disease.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the use or sale of deer or elk urine to mask human odor or to attract big game is prohibited if the urine originated in a state or province with documented occurrences of chronic wasting disease (CWD) as determined by the commission.

(b) The commission may allow deer or elk urine otherwise prohibited by subsection (a) if the deer or elk urine is produced in a facility that the commission determines:

(1) Complies with a federal or a federally approved chronic wasting disease herd certification program and any federal chronic wasting disease protocols and record requirements;

(2) Does not allow importation of live cervids, except in cases of catastrophic loss or herd replenishment;

(3) Requires that all cervids exported from the facility be tested for chronic wasting disease upon death and the results are reported to the facility;

(4) Is inspected annually by an accredited veterinarian, including inspection of the herd and applicable records; and

(5) Maintains a fence at least eight (8) feet high around the facility and, if the facility is located within thirty (30) miles of a confirmed positive occurrence of chronic wasting disease, is double fenced to prevent direct contact between captive and wild cervids.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by fine only, and each violation constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.