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S.B. No. 1586

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a shared database for deer breeder reporting requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 43.369 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.369. DEER BREEDER DATABASE. (a) In this section, "database" means the deer breeder database established under this section.

(b) The department in conjunction with the Texas Animal Health Commission shall develop and maintain a database to be shared by both agencies. The database must include the reporting data required to be provided by each deer breeder:

(1) to the department under this subchapter; and

(2) to the Texas Animal Health Commission.

(c) To the extent possible, the department and the Texas Animal Health Commission shall share the database to eliminate the need for a deer breeder to submit duplicate reports to the two agencies.

(d) The Parks and Wildlife Commission and the Texas Animal Health Commission, by rule, shall provide incentives to deer breeders whose cooperation results in reduced costs and increased efficiency by offering:

(1) reduced fees for the deer breeder permit; and

1 (2) a permit with an extended duration.

2 (e) The Parks and Wildlife Commission and the Texas Animal
3 Health Commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

4 SECTION 2. The Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas
5 Animal Health Commission shall develop a preliminary version of the
6 deer breeder database required by this Act not later than June 1,
7 2010.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.