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SENATE BILL No. 404

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Citations Affected: IC 14-8; IC 14-22; IC 15-20.

Synopsis: Hunting preserves. Provides for the licensing and operation of hunting preserves on which farm raised and released cervidae are hunted. Establishes licensing requirements, inspection requirements, and fees. Exempts licensed hunting preserves from the licensing requirements for game breeders and shooting preserves. Provides that hunters on hunting preserves are not required to have a hunting license and are not subject to bag limits. Requires that a transportation tag be purchased and fixed to the leg of each cervidae taken on a hunting preserve. Prohibits computer assisted remote hunting on hunting preserves. Provides that the law under which the county is liable for losses sustained by the owners of certain types of animals that are killed or maimed by dogs does not apply to farm raised cervidae on a hunting preserve. Removes a provision requiring the boundaries of a shooting preserve to be defined by fences of at least one strand of wire.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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January 14, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

January 23, 2014, reassigned to Committee on Agricultural and Natural Resources.

January 28, 2014, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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SENATE BILL No. 404

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-37.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.93-2005,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 37.6. "~~Cervidae~~", For purposes of IC 14-22-20.5
4 has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 14-22-20.5-1~~. and **IC 14-22-20.7**,
5 "**cervidae**" means **privately owned members of the cervidae**
6 **family, including deer, elk, moose, reindeer, and caribou.**

7 SECTION 2. IC 14-8-2-111 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 111. "~~Game bird~~", For
9 purposes of IC 14-22-8 has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 14-22-8-2~~; and
10 **IC 14-22-20.7**, "**game bird**" means **pheasant, quail, grouse,**
11 **mourning dove, and wild turkey.**

12 SECTION 3. IC 14-8-2-128.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
13 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 128.3. "Hunting preserve",** for
15 **purposes of IC 14-22-20.7, has the meaning set forth in**
16 **IC 14-22-20.7-1.**

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1 SECTION 4. IC 14-8-2-195 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 195. "Owner" has the
 3 following meaning:

4 (1) For purposes of IC 14-11-4, the meaning set forth in
 5 IC 14-11-4-2.

6 (2) For purposes of IC 14-15, a person who has the legal title to
 7 a watercraft.

8 (3) For purposes of IC 14-16-1, the meaning set forth in
 9 IC 14-16-1-6.

10 **(4) For purposes of IC 14-22-20.7, the meaning set forth in**
 11 **IC 14-22-20.7-2.**

12 ~~(4)~~ (5) For purposes of IC 14-25-4, the meaning set forth in
 13 IC 14-25-4-4.

14 ~~(5)~~ (6) For purposes of IC 14-27-7, the meaning set forth in
 15 IC 14-27-7-1.

16 ~~(6)~~ (7) For purposes of IC 14-27-7.5, the meaning set forth in
 17 IC 14-27-7.5-4.

18 ~~(7)~~ (8) For purposes of IC 14-36, the term includes the following:

19 (A) Owners in fee.

20 (B) Life tenants.

21 (C) Tenants for years.

22 (D) Holders of remainder of reversionary interests.

23 (E) Holders of leaseholds or easements.

24 (F) Holders of mineral rights.

25 ~~(8)~~ (9) For purposes of IC 14-37, a person who has the right to
 26 drill into and produce from a pool and to appropriate the oil and
 27 gas produced from the pool for:

28 (A) the person or others; or

29 (B) the person and others.

30 ~~(9)~~ (10) For the purposes of IC 14-22-10-2, the meaning set forth
 31 in IC 14-22-10-2(c).

32 SECTION 5. IC 14-8-2-200.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 33 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 34 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 200.5. "Permitted animal", for**
 35 **purposes of IC 14-22-20.7, has the meaning set forth in**
 36 **IC 14-22-20.7-3.**

37 SECTION 6. IC 14-22-20-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) The department
 39 may, under rules adopted under IC 4-22-2, issue to a resident of
 40 Indiana, upon the payment of a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15), a license to:

41 (1) propagate in captivity; and

42 (2) possess, buy, or sell for this purpose only;



1 game birds, game mammals, or furbearing mammals protected by
2 Indiana law.

3 **(b) The owner of a hunting preserve licensed under**
4 **IC 14-22-20.7 is not required to obtain a game breeders license**
5 **under this section.**

6 SECTION 7. IC 14-22-20.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
7 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2014]:

9 **Chapter 20.7. Cervidae and Game Bird Hunting Preserves**

10 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "hunting preserve" means an**
11 **area of land where permitted animals are hunted.**

12 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "licensed owner" means an**
13 **owner of a hunting preserve who holds a license issued under this**
14 **chapter.**

15 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "permitted animal" means farm**
16 **raised and released cervidae.**

17 **Sec. 4. (a) The department shall issue an initial hunting preserve**
18 **license to a person who:**

19 **(1) either:**

20 **(A) meets the requirements set forth in this chapter; or**

21 **(B) operated, at any time, a hunting preserve during the**
22 **period beginning January 1, 2005, and ending December**
23 **31, 2013; and**

24 **(2) pays a fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).**

25 **(b) The department shall annually renew the hunting preserve**
26 **license of a person who:**

27 **(1) meets the requirements set forth in this chapter; and**

28 **(2) pays an annual fee of one thousand five hundred dollars**
29 **(\$1,500).**

30 **Sec. 5. Permitted animals (including their products) that are:**

31 **(1) raised on a farm in Indiana; or**

32 **(2) legally:**

33 **(A) acquired in Indiana; or**

34 **(B) imported into Indiana;**

35 **in compliance with all rules of the Indiana state board of**
36 **animal health concerning cervidae, including rules concerning**
37 **chronic wasting disease (CWD).**

38 **Sec. 6. (a) A hunting preserve must provide sufficient space and**
39 **at least fifty percent (50%) escape cover to allow permitted**
40 **animals the opportunity to elude hunters.**

41 **(b) A hunting preserve that allows hunting for cervidae must**
42 **meet the following requirements:**



- 1 (1) A hunting preserve must contain at least one hundred sixty
2 (160) contiguous acres. However, a licensed owner who
3 operated a hunting preserve continuously from January 1,
4 2009, through January 1, 2014, may operate a hunting
5 preserve on the acreage that the hunting preserve had in place
6 on July 1, 2013.
- 7 (2) The hunting preserve must be enclosed by:
- 8 (A) a perimeter fence that is at least eight (8) feet in height
9 and a secondary fence within the perimeter fence that is at
10 least eight (8) feet in height; or
- 11 (B) a perimeter fence that is at least ten (10) feet in height.
- 12 (3) Reasonable efforts must be made to clear the hunting
13 preserve of wild deer.
- 14 (4) The hunting preserve may not be bisected by a public road
15 or fencing.
- 16 (5) The fence enclosing the preserve must be marked with
17 signs that meet the specifications of the department.
- 18 (6) Hunting on the hunting preserve must be prohibited
19 within one hundred fifty (150) yards of an artificial feeding
20 site.
- 21 (7) The total number of hunters on the hunting preserve at
22 any time may not exceed a ratio of one (1) per twenty (20)
23 acres.
- 24 (8) Any hunting stand in the hunting preserve must be facing
25 the inside of the hunting preserve and be located at least
26 seventy-five (75) yards from the boundary fence of the
27 hunting preserve.
- 28 (9) Hunters in the hunting preserve must comply with all
29 hunting safety requirements, including the wearing of hunter
30 orange as required by IC 14-22-38-7.
- 31 (10) A permitted animal may not be hunted in the hunting
32 preserve until at least twenty-four (24) hours after the
33 permitted animal is released in the hunting preserve.
- 34 (11) The hunting preserve must remove any tree that has a
35 four (4) inch or greater diameter that is within fifty (50) feet
36 of the perimeter fence.
- 37 (12) Permitted animals may not be introduced to any drug or
38 chemical that impedes the animal's mobility before or during
39 a hunt on the hunting preserve.
- 40 (13) Before a permitted animal is released in a hunting
41 preserve, the antlers must be scarred in a manner that will
42 make the animal ineligible to be entered into an antler records



1 program.

2 **Sec. 7. (a)** Subject to subsection (b), before a hunting preserve
3 may release permitted animals and begin operations under an
4 initial hunting preserve license, the hunting preserve site must pass
5 an inspection by the department and the Indiana board of animal
6 health.

7 **(b)** If an owner operated, at any time, a hunting preserve during
8 the period beginning January 1, 2005, and ending December 31,
9 2013, the owner may release permitted animals and resume the
10 hunting preserve operations when a hunting preserve license is
11 issued without a site inspection.

12 **Sec. 8.** If a cervidae escapes from a hunting preserve, the owner
13 must report the escape to the department within twenty-four (24)
14 hours after the escape is discovered.

15 **Sec. 9. (a)** The owner of a hunting preserve may not release a
16 privately owned cervidae into the wild.

17 **(b)** The owner of a hunting preserve may not release any animal
18 other than a permitted animal onto the site of the hunting preserve,
19 unless the licensed owner has obtained the proper permit or license
20 from the department to release the animal.

21 **Sec. 10. (a)** A person who takes or hunts a permitted animal on
22 a hunting preserve is not required to have a hunting license.

23 **(b)** The department shall provide the licensed owner of a
24 hunting preserve either a transportation tag or a cull tag for every
25 cervidae taken on the hunting preserve. The licensed owner shall
26 pay the department a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per
27 buck and fifty dollars (\$50) per doe for each transportation tag.
28 The department shall provide cull tags to the licensed owner of a
29 hunting preserve without charge.

30 **(c)** The owner of a hunting preserve shall cause a transportation
31 tag to be affixed to a leg of each cervidae taken on the hunting
32 preserve.

33 **(d)** An individual may not transport or possess a cervidae taken
34 from a hunting preserve without a transportation tag.

35 **(e)** The owner of a hunting preserve shall provide each hunter
36 with a bill of sale for game birds taken by the hunter from the
37 hunting preserve. The transportation tag affixed to the leg of a
38 cervidae taken on a hunting preserve under subsection (c) is
39 considered to be the bill of sale for the sale of the cervidae by the
40 owner of the hunting preserve to the hunter.

41 **(f)** The owner of a hunting preserve is not required to purchase
42 a transportation tag for cervidae culled by the owner from the



1 hunting preserve and transported directly for personal
 2 consumption, or to a butcher or a charity. However, the owner
 3 shall cause a cull tag to be affixed to a leg of each cervidae culled
 4 by the owner.

5 Sec. 11. (a) A licensed owner of a hunting preserve shall keep
 6 records of:

7 (1) the number of each permitted animal species purchased
 8 for the hunting preserve;

9 (2) the number of each species harvested in the hunting
 10 preserve; and

11 (3) the full name and address of each hunter who takes a
 12 permitted animal in the hunting preserve.

13 (b) All information required by this chapter must be recorded
 14 on forms supplied by the department. The records must be
 15 maintained for a period of two (2) years and must be open for
 16 inspection by employees of the department and the Indiana board
 17 of animal health during regular business hours.

18 Sec. 12. (a) Permitted animals may be hunted on a hunting
 19 preserve licensed under this chapter between one half (1/2) hour
 20 before sunrise and one half (1/2) hour after sunset, but only from
 21 September 1 through March 1.

22 (b) For permitted animals taken on the hunting preserve there
 23 is not a bag limit, and both male and female animals may be taken.

24 (c) A licensed owner may charge fees for hunting on the hunting
 25 preserve that reflect the class of animal hunted.

26 Sec. 13. (a) Deer may be hunted in the hunting preserve only
 27 with weapons and ammunition that are allowed to be used to hunt
 28 deer during the statewide deer hunting season.

29 (b) Species of cervidae, other than deer, may be hunted in the
 30 hunting preserve using any of the following:

31 (1) The weapons and ammunition allowed in subsection (a).

32 (2) A rifle that meets the following specifications:

33 (A) Uses ammunition that has a diameter of not less than
 34 0.284 calibers and not more than 0.458 calibers.

35 (B) Has a case length of not less than 1.8 inches and not
 36 more than 2.85 inches.

37 (b) A hunting preserve may not allow computer assisted remote
 38 hunting.

39 Sec. 14. (a) The department shall inspect each hunting preserve
 40 at least one (1) time per year.

41 (b) The department and the Indiana state board of animal
 42 health may inspect a hunting preserve and the cervidae within a



- 1 hunting preserve at any time for the following reasons:
- 2 (1) To investigate a complaint.
- 3 (2) To ensure compliance with this chapter.
- 4 (3) To investigate an issue concerning animal health.
- 5 Sec. 15. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), a
- 6 hunting preserve for which a license has been issued under this
- 7 chapter may not be sold or transferred to another person.
- 8 (b) A hunting preserve owner that:
- 9 (1) holds a license issued under this chapter; and
- 10 (2) is a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation;
- 11 may sell or transfer any or all interest in the game preserve to a
- 12 person who was listed as a partner, member, or stockholder in the
- 13 hunting preserve when the initial hunting preserve license was
- 14 granted to the owner under this chapter.
- 15 (c) The owner of a hunting preserve licensed under this chapter
- 16 may sell or transfer, including through inheritance, the owner's
- 17 interest in the hunting preserve to the owner's spouse or child.
- 18 (d) Any sale or transfer of a hunting preserve licensed under
- 19 this chapter shall be reported, in writing, by the new owner to the
- 20 department not more than ten (10) business days after the sale or
- 21 transfer is complete.
- 22 Sec. 16. (a) A person who holds a valid license issued under this
- 23 chapter may operate a hunting preserve.
- 24 (b) If a person's hunting preserve license is revoked under this
- 25 chapter:
- 26 (1) the person may not operate a hunting preserve under this
- 27 chapter; and
- 28 (2) a hunting preserve may no longer be operated on real
- 29 property owned by the person.
- 30 Sec. 17. Each hunting preserve must be operated under a
- 31 separate license issued under this chapter.
- 32 Sec. 18. A person shall not:
- 33 (1) knowingly or intentionally provide the department, the
- 34 commission, or the Indiana state board of animal health with
- 35 false information; or
- 36 (2) resist, impede, or hinder the department, the commission,
- 37 or the Indiana state board of animal health in discharging
- 38 duties;
- 39 under this chapter.
- 40 Sec. 19. (a) A license issued under this chapter for the operation
- 41 of a hunting preserve:
- 42 (1) is a revocable privilege granted by the state; and



- 1 **(2) is not a property right.**
- 2 **(b) A person may not own or have an ownership interest in**
 3 **more than one (1) hunting preserve in Indiana.**
- 4 **(c) The spouse or child of a hunting preserve owner may have**
 5 **an ownership interest in the owner's hunting preserve. However,**
 6 **a spouse or child of a hunting preserve owner may not have an**
 7 **ownership interest in any other hunting preserve in Indiana.**
- 8 **Sec. 20. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person who**
 9 **violates this chapter commits a Class A infraction.**
- 10 **(b) A person who knowing or intentionally violates this chapter**
 11 **commits a Level 6 felony.**
- 12 **(c) A licensed owner's hunting preserve license is automatically**
 13 **revoked upon a licensed owner's conviction under subsection (b).**
- 14 SECTION 8. IC 14-22-31-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 15 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 0.5. This chapter does not apply**
 17 **to a hunting preserve licensed under IC 14-22-20.7.**
- 18 SECTION 9. IC 14-22-31-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 6. Upon receipt of a**
 20 **license, the licensee shall post the licensed area at intervals of not more**
 21 **than five hundred (500) feet with signs to be prescribed by rule. ~~The~~**
 22 **boundaries of the shooting preserve shall be clearly defined by fences**
 23 **of at least one (1) strand of wire.**
- 24 SECTION 10. IC 15-20-2-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
 25 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 3. (a) This section does not apply to farm raised**
 27 **cervidae and game birds on a hunting preserve licensed under**
 28 **IC 14-22-20.7.**
- 29 **(a) (b) The following losses and expenses are chargeable to the**
 30 **county in which an attack or exposure occurs:**
- 31 (1) Damages, less compensation by insurance or otherwise,
 32 sustained by the owner of the following stock, fowl, or game
 33 killed, maimed, or damaged by a dog:
- 34 (A) Sheep.
 35 (B) Cattle.
 36 (C) Horses.
 37 (D) Swine.
 38 (E) Goats.
 39 (F) Mules.
 40 (G) Chickens.
 41 (H) Geese.
 42 (I) Turkeys.



- 1 (J) Ducks.
 2 (K) Guineas.
 3 (L) Tame rabbits.
 4 (M) Game birds and game animals held in captivity under
 5 authority of a game breeder's license issued by the department
 6 of natural resources.
 7 (N) Bison.
 8 (O) Farm raised cervidae.
 9 (P) Ratitae.
 10 (Q) Camelidae.

11 (2) The expense of rabies post exposure prophylaxis that is
 12 incurred by any person who is bitten by or exposed to a dog
 13 known to have rabies.

14 ~~(b)~~(c) Damages are not chargeable to a county under this section for
 15 sheep except those claims in which individual damage exists or is
 16 shown.

17 SECTION 11. IC 15-20-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009,
 18 SECTION 114, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4. (a) A county auditor shall
 20 establish procedures in accordance with the requirements of sections
 21 ~~3(a)~~ **3(b)** and 6 of this chapter by which a claimant may submit a claim
 22 to the county auditor or a designee of the county auditor.

23 (b) A county auditor who:

24 (1) receives a verified claim under section ~~3(a)~~ **3(b)** of this
 25 chapter from a claimant; and

26 (2) is satisfied that the claim meets the requirements of sections
 27 ~~3(a)~~ **3(b)** and 6 of this chapter;

28 shall immediately issue a warrant or check to the claimant for the
 29 verified amount of the claim. If a county option dog tax adopted under
 30 IC 6-9-39 is not in effect in the county, a claim under this section may
 31 be paid out of nonappropriated funds. A county auditor who is not
 32 satisfied that a claim meets the requirements of sections ~~3(a)~~ **3(b)** and
 33 6 of this chapter shall promptly notify the claimant.

34 (c) A person whose claim under section ~~3(a)~~ **3(b)** of this chapter is
 35 denied by a county auditor may file an action in a court with
 36 jurisdiction to determine whether the county auditor acted in
 37 conformance with the requirements of this section and sections 3 and
 38 6 of this chapter. If the court determines that the county auditor failed
 39 to comply with the requirements of this section or sections 3 and 6 of
 40 this chapter in evaluating the person's claim, the court may fashion an
 41 appropriate remedy, including an order directed to the county auditor
 42 to reconsider the person's claim.



1 SECTION 12. IC 15-20-2-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
 2 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. A person requiring the treatment described in
 4 section ~~3(a)(2)~~ **3(b)(2)** of this chapter may select the person's own
 5 physician.

6 SECTION 13. IC 15-20-2-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
 7 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. (a) An owner desiring to make a claim under
 9 section ~~3(a)(1)~~ **3(b)(1)** of this chapter must do the following:

10 (1) Not more than seventy-two (72) hours after the time of the
 11 loss, notify one (1) of the following having jurisdiction in the
 12 location where the loss occurred:

13 (A) A law enforcement officer.

14 (B) An officer of a county or municipal animal control center,
 15 shelter, or similar impounding facility.

16 (2) Not more than twenty (20) days after the time of the loss,
 17 report the loss to the county auditor as follows:

18 (A) Under oath, the owner shall state:

19 (i) the number, age, and value of the stock, fowl, or game;
 20 and

21 (ii) the damages sustained, less compensation by insurance
 22 or otherwise.

23 (B) In an affidavit, the owner must be joined by two (2)
 24 disinterested and reputable freeholders residing in the
 25 township in which the stock, fowl, or game were killed,
 26 maimed, or damaged. The affidavit must state that the
 27 freeholders are:

28 (i) disinterested; and

29 (ii) not related by blood or marriage to the claimant.

30 (C) An appraisal of the stock, fowl, or game that were killed,
 31 maimed, or damaged may not exceed the actual cash value of
 32 the stock, fowl, or game. As it applies to ratitae, cash value
 33 may not exceed the slaughter value.

34 (D) The owner shall provide verification of the loss by an
 35 officer described in subdivision (1).

36 (E) Payment for a loss for property owned by a claimant on the
 37 last property tax assessment date may not be paid if the
 38 property was not reported by the owner for assessment
 39 purposes at that time.

40 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a), the claimant,
 41 if requested to do so by the county auditor or a person designated by
 42 the county auditor, must grant the right of subrogation to the county for



1 the total amount paid on the claim to the claimant by the county on a
2 form prescribed by the county auditor.
3 SECTION 14. IC 15-20-2-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
4 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. (a) An officer who receives notice under
6 section 6(a)(1) of this chapter shall visit the scene of the loss, verify the
7 loss in writing, and mark each killed, maimed, or damaged animal so
8 that the animal can support only one (1) claim under this chapter.
9 (b) A person desiring to make a claim under section ~~3(a)(2)~~ **3(b)(2)**
10 of this chapter must provide the county auditor with documentation that
11 the person, or a person for whom the claimant is financially
12 responsible, underwent rabies post exposure prophylaxis.



Report of the President
Pro Tempore

Madam President: Pursuant to Senate Rule 68(b), I hereby report that Senate Bill 404, currently assigned to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, be reassigned to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 404, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 3, line 15, delete "the".

Page 3, line 16, delete "following".

Page 3, line 16, delete "animals:" and insert "**cervidae**".

Page 3, delete lines 17 through 19.

Page 3, line 27, delete "two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)." and insert "**five thousand dollars (\$5,000)**".

Page 3, line 31, delete "two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)." and insert "**one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500)**".

Page 3, line 37, delete "applicable Indiana board of animal health" and insert "**all rules of the Indiana state board of animal health concerning cervidae, including rules concerning chronic wasting disease (CWD)**".

Page 3, delete lines 38 through 40.

Page 3, line 42, delete "cover" and insert "**at least fifty percent (50%) escape cover**".

Page 4, delete lines 3 through 8, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(1) A hunting preserve must contain at least one hundred sixty (160) contiguous acres. However, a licensed owner who operated a hunting preserve continuously from January 1, 2009, through January 1, 2014, may operate a hunting preserve on the acreage that the hunting preserve had in place on July 1, 2013.

(2)The hunting preserve must be enclosed by:



- (A) a perimeter fence that is at least eight (8) feet in height and a secondary fence within the perimeter fence that is at least eight (8) feet in height; or**
- (B) a perimeter fence that is at least ten (10) feet in height."**

Page 4, line 9, after "the" insert "**hunting**".

Page 4, line 11, after "The" insert "**hunting**".

Page 4, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(6) Hunting on the hunting preserve must be prohibited within one hundred fifty (150) yards of an artificial feeding site.

(7) The total number of hunters on the hunting preserve at any time may not exceed a ratio of one (1) per twenty (20) acres.

(8) Any hunting stand in the hunting preserve must be facing the inside of the hunting preserve and be located at least seventy-five (75) yards from the boundary fence of the hunting preserve.

(9) Hunters in the hunting preserve must comply with all hunting safety requirements, including the wearing of hunter orange as required by IC 14-22-38-7.

(10) A permitted animal may not be hunted in the hunting preserve until at least twenty-four (24) hours after the permitted animal is released in the hunting preserve.

(11) The hunting preserve must remove any tree that has a four (4) inch or greater diameter that is within fifty (50) feet of the perimeter fence.

(12) Permitted animals may not be introduced to any drug or chemical that impedes the animal's mobility before or during a hunt on the hunting preserve.

(13) Before a permitted animal is released in a hunting preserve, the antlers must be scarred in a manner that will make the animal ineligible to be entered into an antler records program."

Page 4, line 31, delete "preserve." and insert "**preserve, unless the licensed owner has obtained the proper permit or license from the department to release the animal.**".

Page 4, line 37, delete "fifty dollars (\$50)" and insert "**one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)**".

Page 4, line 37, delete "twenty-" and insert "**fifty dollars (\$50)**".

Page 4, line 38, delete "five dollars (\$25)".



Page 5, line 32, delete "August 15 through April 15." and insert **"September 1 through March 1."**

Page 5, delete lines 37 through 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 13. (a) Deer may be hunted in the hunting preserve only with weapons and ammunition that are allowed to be used to hunt deer during the statewide deer hunting season.

(b) Species of cervidae, other than deer, may be hunted in the hunting preserve using any of the following:

- (1) The weapons and ammunition allowed in subsection (a).**
- (2) A rifle that meets the following specifications:**
 - (A) Uses ammunition that has a diameter of not less than 0.284 calibers and not more than 0.458 calibers.**
 - (B) Has a case length of not less than 1.8 inches and not more than 2.85 inches."**

Page 5, between lines 41 and 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 14. (a) The department shall inspect each hunting preserve at least one (1) time per year.

(b) The department and the Indiana state board of animal health may inspect a hunting preserve and the cervidae within a hunting preserve at any time for the following reasons:

- (1) To investigate a complaint.**
- (2) To ensure compliance with this chapter.**
- (3) To investigate an issue concerning animal health.**

Sec. 15. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), a hunting preserve for which a license has been issued under this chapter may not be sold or transferred to another person.

(b) A hunting preserve owner that:

- (1) holds a license issued under this chapter; and**
- (2) is a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation; may sell or transfer any or all interest in the game preserve to a person who was listed as a partner, member, or stockholder in the hunting preserve when the initial hunting preserve license was granted to the owner under this chapter.**

(c) The owner of a hunting preserve licensed under this chapter may sell or transfer, including through inheritance, the owner's interest in the hunting preserve to the owner's spouse or child.

(d) Any sale or transfer of a hunting preserve licensed under this chapter shall be reported, in writing, by the new owner to the department not more than ten (10) business days after the sale or transfer is complete.

Sec. 16. (a) A person who holds a valid license issued under this



chapter may operate a hunting preserve.

(b) If a person's hunting preserve license is revoked under this chapter:

- (1) the person may not operate a hunting preserve under this chapter; and
- (2) a hunting preserve may no longer be operated on real property owned by the person.

Sec. 17. Each hunting preserve must be operated under a separate license issued under this chapter.

Sec. 18. A person shall not:

- (1) knowingly or intentionally provide the department, the commission, or the Indiana state board of animal health with false information; or
- (2) resist, impede, or hinder the department, the commission, or the Indiana state board of animal health in discharging duties;

under this chapter.

Sec. 19. (a) A license issued under this chapter for the operation of a hunting preserve:

- (1) is a revocable privilege granted by the state; and
- (2) is not a property right.

(b) A person may not own or have an ownership interest in more than one (1) hunting preserve in Indiana.

(c) The spouse or child of a hunting preserve owner may have an ownership interest in the owner's hunting preserve. However, a spouse or child of a hunting preserve owner may not have an ownership interest in any other hunting preserve in Indiana.

Sec. 20. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person who violates this chapter commits a Class A infraction.

(b) A person who knowing or intentionally violates this chapter commits a Level 6 felony.

(c) A licensed owner's hunting preserve license is automatically revoked upon a licensed owner's conviction under subsection (b)."

Page 6, between lines 3 and 4, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 9. IC 14-22-31-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. Upon receipt of a license, the licensee shall post the licensed area at intervals of not more



than five hundred (500) feet with signs to be prescribed by rule. ~~The boundaries of the shooting preserve shall be clearly defined by fences of at least one (1) strand of wire."~~

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 404 as introduced.)

YODER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1.

