

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 2862

By: Wallace

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of
8 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; empowering certain
9 regulation of certain disease related to cervidae;
10 prohibiting certain regulation; authorizing the
11 promulgation of rules; requiring certain
12 consultation; providing for codification; and
13 providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2.4F of Title 2, unless there is
17 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Except as may otherwise be provided by law, the Oklahoma
19 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall be the state
20 entity empowered to implement all policy of the state regarding the
21 care, testing, and regulation of Chronic Wasting Disease and its
22 presence or lack thereof among cervidae in the state.

23 B. The Department shall, in consultation with no less than two
24 (2) out-of-state individuals or researchers reasonably considered by
the Department to be experts in the field of animal diseases,

1 promulgate rules as needed to implement the provisions of this act.
2 No municipality, county, or other state agency or political
3 subdivision of this state shall enact or enforce any order,
4 ordinance, or regulation, or perform actions which conflict with,
5 duplicate, or impede the authority provided to the Oklahoma
6 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry pursuant to Section A
7 of this act.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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