

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §19-2H-1**

## **§19-2H-1. Short title; legislative findings.**

(a) This article shall be called the Captive Cervid Farming Act.

(b) The Legislature finds that captive cervid farming is primarily an agricultural business and that captive cervids should be regulated like other livestock.

(c) The Legislature further finds that the Department of Agriculture possesses the knowledge, training and expertise to regulate captive cervid farming as an agricultural business and to adequately protect the health and safety of animals and the general public. Matters related to licensure, the sale of venison, animal health and testing, fencing, interstate and intrastate movement, animal identification system, recordkeeping, animal husbandry, equipment and other related matters shall be regulated by the department.