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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF FARM DEER.

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

Section 1. Section 170.3, subsection 1, Code Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

1. Farm deer are livestock as provided in this title and are principally subject to regulation by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, and also the department of natural resources as specifically provided in this chapter. The regulations adopted by the department of agriculture and land stewardship may include but are not limited to providing for the importation, transportation, and disease control of farm deer. The department of agriculture and land stewardship and the department of natural resources shall not require that the landowner be issued a license or permit for keeping farm deer or. The department of natural resources shall not require that the landowner be issued a certificate for the construction of a fence for keeping farm deer.

Sec. 2. Section 170.4, Code Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

170.4 REQUIREMENTS FOR KEEPING WHITETAIL == FENCE CERTIFICATION.

1. A landowner shall not keep whitetail as farm deer, unless the whitetail is kept on land of any number of acres which is enclosed by a fence. The fence must be constructed and maintained as prescribed by rules adopted by the department. A landowner shall not keep the whitetail unless the fence is certified in a manner and according to procedures required by the department. The fence shall be constructed and maintained to ensure that whitetail are kept in the enclosure and that other deer are excluded from the enclosure.

A fence that is constructed on or after May 23, 2003, shall be at least eight feet in height above ground level. The department of agriculture and land stewardship may require that the fence is inspected and approved prior to certification. The department of natural resources may periodically inspect the fence according to appointment with the enclosure's landowner.

2. Any person may take farm deer which are kept within a certified fence, subject to consent of the landowner. The department of agriculture and land stewardship shall not regulate the taking of farm deer unless regulation is to prevent the outbreak of a transmissible disease including but not limited to chronic wasting disease.

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2515, Eightieth General Assembly.

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