

**Senate Study Bill 1013 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
ENVIRONMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON DEARDEN)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act authorizing the department of natural resources to  
2 quarantine preserve whitetail and land associated with the  
3 operation of hunting preserves or former hunting preserves  
4 and making penalties applicable.

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

1 Section 1. Section 484C.2, subsection 2, Code 2015, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. This chapter authorizes the department of natural  
4 resources to regulate preserve whitetail and land associated  
5 with a hunting preserve or a former hunting preserve. However,  
6 the department of agriculture and land stewardship shall  
7 regulate whitetail kept as farm deer pursuant to chapter 170.

8 Sec. 2. Section 484C.4, Code 2015, is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 **484C.4 Departmental programs and requirements.**

11 The department shall develop, administer, and enforce  
12 hunting preserve programs and requirements, which implement the  
13 provisions of this chapter and rules adopted by the department  
14 pursuant to section 484C.3, regarding fencing, recordkeeping,  
15 reporting, ~~and the tagging, and transportation,~~ of preserve  
16 whitetail; testing, and monitoring, and quarantining for  
17 disease of preserve whitetail; and quarantining of a hunting  
18 preserve or land formerly operated as a hunting preserve where  
19 diseased preserve whitetail are kept or were kept.

20 Sec. 3. Section 484C.12, Code 2015, is amended by adding the  
21 following new subsection:

22 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The department may quarantine a hunting  
23 preserve or land formerly operated as a hunting preserve if  
24 the department determines that the presence of an infectious,  
25 contagious, or reportable disease on the hunting preserve  
26 or former hunting preserve threatens the health of animal  
27 populations. The landowner of the hunting preserve or former  
28 hunting preserve shall comply with all requirements of the  
29 quarantine. The quarantine shall provide for the maintenance  
30 of a fence in the same manner as is required in section 484C.6,  
31 regardless of any of the following:

32 a. The fence is not certified or is no longer certified  
33 under section 484C.6, or the hunting preserve is not registered  
34 or is no longer registered under section 484C.7.

35 b. The landowner of the hunting preserve or former hunting

1 preserve has relinquished keeping preserve whitetail as part  
2 of a business, including but not limited to by removing any  
3 number of whitetail from the hunting preserve or former hunting  
4 preserve.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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9 This bill authorizes the department of natural resources to  
10 quarantine preserve whitetail and land associated with hunting  
11 preserves or former hunting preserves.

12 The bill authorizes the department of natural resources  
13 to regulate land associated with hunting preserves or former  
14 hunting preserves by requiring the department to develop,  
15 administer, and enforce hunting preserve programs and  
16 requirements that include the quarantine of preserve whitetail  
17 for disease and the quarantine of a hunting preserve or land  
18 formerly operated as a hunting preserve where diseased preserve  
19 whitetail are kept or were kept.

20 The department may quarantine a hunting preserve or former  
21 hunting preserve if the department determines that there is  
22 an infectious, contagious, or reportable disease present on  
23 that land that threatens animal populations. The landowner of  
24 such quarantined land must comply with all the requirements of  
25 the quarantine, including maintenance of fencing in the same  
26 manner as is required for fencing certification on hunting  
27 preserves. The fencing must be maintained even if the fence  
28 has not been certified or is no longer certified, the hunting  
29 preserve is not registered or is no longer registered, or the  
30 landowner has relinquished keeping preserve whitetail as part  
31 of a business, including but not limited to by removing any  
32 number of whitetail from the land.

33 Pursuant to current Code section 484C.13(1), a violation of  
34 the provisions of the bill or a rule adopted pursuant to those  
35 provisions is punishable as a simple misdemeanor. A simple  
misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than 30

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1 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more than \$625 or by  
2 both.