

HB 2430 -- CAPTIVE CERVIDS

SPONSOR: Houghton

This bill modifies the provisions related to captive cervids.

SALE OF CAPTIVE CERVID MEAT

The bill specifies that it is lawful to sell captive cervid meat under certain circumstances including that the cervids are commercially raised for food; raised, slaughtered, and processed under a voluntary inspection program; and slaughtered and processed under the United States Department of Agriculture's Voluntary Exotic Animal Program. All meat must be appropriately and conspicuously labeled, marked, or tagged with the type of animal from which it came (Section 196.162, RSMo).

COMMERCIAL PROCESSING OF CAPTIVE CERVID MEAT

The bill requires any commercial plant which slaughters, processes, renders, transports, stores, ships, or receives captive cervids intended for consumption to record certain information about each cervid, including the cervid's official federal identification tag. If a cervid does not have an official federal identification tag, the plant cannot slaughter, process, render, transport, store, ship, or receive the cervid (Section 265.420).

This bill is similar to HB 279 (2017).