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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
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AN ACT PERMITTING THE POSSESSION OF REINDEER YEAR ROUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-57a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

3 Any person may [import one or more] possess reindeer [into] in the
4 state [during the period commencing on Thanksgiving Day of each] on
5 any day of the year, [and ending on the immediately following New
6 Year's Day, provided (1) any reindeer so imported is subsequently
7 exported from the state no later than a week following the end of such
8 period, and (2) such importation] provided such possession complies
9 with the following requirements: Each reindeer so [imported (A)]
10 possessed (1) is individually identified by a permanent metal ear tag,
11 legible tattoo or microchip, [(B)] (2) possesses a certified veterinary
12 report of inspection documenting an inspection that occurred at least
13 one day and not more than thirty days after such reindeer was born in
14 the state or at least one day and not more than thirty days prior to
15 entry into the state, [(C)] (3) possesses documentation that verifies such

16 reindeer [(i)] (A) was born from or comes from a herd that is free of
17 both tuberculosis and brucellosis, or [(ii)] (B) tested negative for
18 tuberculosis and brucellosis at least one day and not more than thirty
19 days after its birth in the state or prior to its entry into the state, and
20 [(D)] (4) possesses documentation that the originating herd
21 participated in a state chronic wasting disease monitoring program
22 [(i)] (A) not less than the prior three years if such reindeer was
23 imported from a state or province not known to have chronic wasting
24 disease, or [(ii)] (B) not less than the prior five years if such reindeer
25 was imported from a state or province known to have chronic wasting
26 disease outbreaks.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	26-57a