

HB 545-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***545-FN***

AN ACT requiring certain cervid meat processed outside of New Hampshire to be tested for chronic wasting disease before being brought into New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. Flanagan, Hills. 45

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of fish and game to keep a list of states where chronic wasting disease has been reported in cervids.

This bill also requires certain cervid meat processed outside of New Hampshire to be tested for chronic wasting disease before being brought into New Hampshire.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Cervid Meat; Chronic Wasting Disease. Amend RSA 207 by inserting after
2 section 15-a the following new section:

3 207:15-b Cervid Meat; Chronic Wasting Disease.

4 I. Each cervid season, the department shall compile and maintain on its website a list of
5 states where chronic wasting disease has been reported in the cervid population.

6 II. Any person who takes a cervid from a state on the list compiled in paragraph I and has
7 the cervid processed out of state shall have the meat tested for chronic wasting disease prior to
8 bringing the meat into New Hampshire.

9 III. Violation of paragraph II shall be a violation punishable by a fine of \$250 for the first
10 offense, and a class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$1,000 for a subsequent offense.

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

**HB 545-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	Less Than \$10,000 Per Year		
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	Fish and Game Fund			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill *Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

The Fish and Game Department states that importing processed meat with the additional restrictions will result in an indeterminable increase in citations, resulting in a small increase in state revenues (estimated to be less than \$10,000 per year).

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association