



## **H.B. 462**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Establishes requirements governing the issuance of permits by the Chief of the Division of Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources for the administration of contraceptive chemicals to noncaptive wild animals.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

Current law requires the Chief of the Division of Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources to issue permits for the administration of contraceptive chemicals to noncaptive wild animals and to establish criteria for the issuance of the permits. In addition, current law prohibits a person from administering contraceptive chemicals to noncaptive wild animals without a permit issued by the Chief. (Sec. 1531.06(K).)

The bill establishes requirements governing the issuance of the permits. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, the bill prohibits a permit from being issued for the administration of a contraceptive chemical or group of chemicals for the purpose of arresting or interfering with, temporarily or permanently, the normal reproductive capabilities or cycles of noncaptive wild animals unless all of the following apply:

(1) The contraceptive chemical or group of chemicals proposed to be used is nonlethal;

(2) The contraceptive chemical or group of chemicals proposed to be used specifically has been approved for the proposed use by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

(3) The contraceptive chemical or group of chemicals proposed to be used has been demonstrated by empirical data and evidence to be safe for ingestion by humans, domestic animals, and wild animals;

(4) The methods or systems for delivery of the contraceptive chemical or group of chemicals proposed to be used will not result in any forms of syringes, darts, or other sharp objects or projectiles being introduced or accidentally or inadvertently left in areas that are accessible to children or domestic animals, including pets;

(5) The applicant for a permit has the ability to test or examine the noncaptive wild animals treated with the contraceptive chemical or group of chemicals proposed to be used in order to determine whether the treatment has been successful and has arrested or interfered with the animals' reproductive capabilities or cycles; and

(6) The applicant for a permit agrees to submit a written report to the Chief on the efficacy of the contraception effort or program. The report must be submitted within a time period specified by the Chief and must include specific data regarding the cost of arresting or interfering with the reproductive capability or cycle of each successfully treated noncaptive wild animal. (Sec. 1531.06(K).)

Current law requires the Chief to adopt rules establishing standards and guidelines for the administration of contraceptive chemicals to noncaptive wild animals. The rules may specify chemical delivery methods and devices and monitoring requirements. The bill clarifies that these methods, devices, and requirements are in addition to the methods, devices, and requirements specified in the bill. (Sec. 1531.06(K).)

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## HISTORY

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