

SENATE BILL No. 561

By Committee on Ways and Means

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9 AN ACT concerning deer; relating to a landowner deer management
10 program; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 32-968 and repealing the ex-
11 isting section.

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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 32-968 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 32-968. (a) The department is hereby authorized and directed to
16 develop a report containing recommendations for the establishment of a
17 landowner deer management program. The report shall include recom-
18 mended procedures, requirements and guidelines to provide qualified
19 landowners an allotment of antlered and antlerless deer permits that may
20 be transferred by the landowner to resident or nonresident deer hunters
21 for use on such landowner's property and may include such other rec-
22 ommendations as the department finds appropriate. Such report shall be
23 presented to the senate natural resources committee and the house tour-
24 ism and parks committee on or before January 15, 2004.

25 (b) *The department is hereby authorized to implement a pilot pro-*
26 *gram not to exceed five project locations for the landowner deer man-*
27 *agement program. Landowners who participate in the landowner deer man-*
28 *agement program shall not be eligible to apply for and receive nonresident*
29 *deer permits pursuant to subsection (o) of K.S.A. 32-937, and amendments*
30 *thereto. Deer permits authorized for the program shall be restricted to*
31 *the property described in the individual plan and the number of permits*
32 *shall be established in an agreement with the landowner and the depart-*
33 *ment using criteria developed by the department. Permits issued through*
34 *the landowner deer management program shall not be part of the non-*
35 *resident deer permit allocation allowed under subsection (m) of K.S.A.*
36 *32-937, and amendments thereto. The secretary shall adopt, in accordance*
37 *with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, rules and regulations pro-*
38 *viding for the implementation and evaluation of the pilot program and*
39 *issuance of permits within the landowner deer management program. The*
40 *provisions of this subsection shall expire January 1, 2008.*

41 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 32-968 is hereby repealed.

42 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
43 publication in the statute book.