287.952 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Business plan" means a written document of intent that a person submits to the department that defines the methods, protocols, or procedures that the person intends on implementing to be in compliance with this act.

(b) "Biosecurity" means measures, actions, or precautions taken to prevent the transmission of disease in, among, or between free-ranging and privately owned cervidae species.

(c) "Cervidae livestock facility" means a privately owned cervidae livestock operation on privately controlled lands capable of holding cervidae species.

(d) "Cervidae livestock operation" means an operation that contains 1 or more privately owned cervidae species involving the producing, growing, propagating, using, harvesting, transporting, exporting, importing, or marketing of cervidae species or cervidae products under an appropriate registration.

(e) "Cervidae products" means any products, co-products, or by-products of cervidae, including antler, antler velvet, meat, or any part of the animal.

(f) "Cervidae species" means members of the cervidae family including, but not limited to, deer, elk, moose, reindeer, and caribou.

(g) "Department" means the Michigan department of natural resources.

(h) "Director" means the director of the Michigan department of natural resources or his or her designee.

(i) "Farm" or "farm operation" means those terms as defined in the Michigan right to farm act, 1981 PA 93, MCL 286.471 to 286.474.

(j) "Flush" or "flushed" means to move or chase from a cervidae livestock facility.

(k) "Identify" means any documentable system or process that allows a person to recognize as separate or different an individual animal.

(l) "Law enforcement officer" means a person appointed by the state or a local governmental unit who is responsible for the enforcement of the criminal laws of this state.

(m) "Owner" means the person who owns or is responsible for a cervidae livestock operation.

(n) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability corporation, partnership, association, joint venture, or other legal entity.

(o) "Release" means to cause or allow an animal to become located outside the perimeter fence of a cervidae livestock facility not under the direct control of the owner.


Compiler's note: For transfer of certain powers and duties under the cervidae act from the department of agriculture, or its director, to the department of natural resources by type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2004-2, compiled at MCL 287.981.