WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1983

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HOUSE BILL No. 1257

(By Mr. Steptoe)

Passed March 12, 1983
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AN ACT to amend article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section forty-two, relating to a special season for the taking of deer with muzzle-loading rifles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section forty-two, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.


There shall be a special season each year for the taking of deer with muzzle-loading rifles to be set at such time and to be of such duration as determined by the director: Provided, That such special season shall not be set prior to the regular season for the taking of deer with firearms. Deer of either sex may be taken during this season with muzzle-loading rifles in all counties open for the taking of antlerless deer as provided in section forty-six-b of this article. Antlered deer only may be taken in all other counties having a regular season for the taking of deer with firearms.
Only single shot muzzle-loading rifles with iron sights having a bore diameter of no less than forty-four one-hundredths inch shall be legal firearms for the taking of deer during the special season provided herein.

A hunter killing a deer with a muzzle-loading rifle may hunt for and kill an additional deer during the bow season or regular firearms season, but shall not hunt for or kill more than two deer in any calendar year.

The special season provided herein shall be concurrent with all other seasons designated for the taking of game.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Jade E. Smith
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The within is approved this the 29th day of March, 1983.

Governor