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REGULAR SESSION, 1983



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HOUSE BILL No. 1257

(By Mr. Steptoe)



Passed March 12 1983

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage



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H. B. 1257

(By MR. STEPTOE)

[Passed March 12, 1983; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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.

§20-2-42. Killing of deer with muzzle-loading rifles.

1 There shall be a special season each year for the taking of
2 deer with muzzle-loading rifles to be set at such time and
3 to be of such duration as determined by the director: *Pro-*
4 *vided*, That such special season shall not be set prior to the
5 regular season for the taking of deer with firearms. Deer
6 of either sex may be taken during this season with muzzle-
7 loading rifles in all counties open for the taking of antlerless
8 deer as provided in section forty-six-b of this article. Antlered
9 deer only may be taken in all other counties having a regular
10 season for the taking of deer with firearms.

11 Only single shot muzzle-loading rifles with iron sights having
12 a bore diameter of no less than forty-four one-hundredths inch
13 shall be legal firearms for the taking of deer during the special
14 season provided herein.

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

19 The special season provided herein shall be concurrent
20 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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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 29
day of March, 1983.

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Governor

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