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HOUSE BILL No. 2191

(By Mr. Del. Love + Luens)

Passed March 22, 1989

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
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H. B. 2191

(By DELEGATES LOVE AND GIVENS)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section forty-six-j, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to permitting the use of muzzle-loaded pistols under provisions for muzzle-loading deer hunting licenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section forty-six-j, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-46j. Class V resident and Class VV nonresident muzzle-loading deer hunting licenses.

1 There shall be a special season of at least three days each year for the taking of deer with muzzle-loading firearms, either rifles or pistols, to be set at such time and to be of such duration as determined by the commission: Provided, That such special season shall not be set prior to the regular season for the taking of deer with firearms. For a minimum of two days during this season, deer of either sex may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms 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 open for the taking of deer with firearms.
Only single shot muzzle-loading firearms 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.

In a calendar year, a hunter who has previously killed more than one deer may hunt for and take only antlered deer during the special season provided herein.

The special season provided herein shall be concurrent with all other seasons designated for the taking of game.

Any person wishing to hunt for and kill deer during the special muzzle-loading season must possess a valid Class V or Class VV license, except that this requirement shall not apply to a resident of West Virginia who is not required to obtain a license or permit to hunt as provided in this chapter. A Class V license shall be a resident muzzle-loading deer hunting license. A Class VV license shall be a nonresident muzzle-loading deer hunting license. The licenses shall be issued in a form prescribed by the director, shall be in addition to a Class A, Class AB or Class E license and shall be valid only when accompanied thereby. The fee for the Class V license shall be five dollars. The fee for the Class VV license shall be ten dollars.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Frederick L. Parker  
Chairman Senate Committee

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Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Joseph C. Mikell  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 31st day of March, 1989.

Gaston Caperton  
Governor