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NOTICE OF RULE MODIFICATION OF A PROPOSED RULE OFFICE WEST VIRGINIA
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AGENCY: Division of Natural Resources TITLE NUMBER: 58

CITE AUTHORITY: West Virginia Code 20-7-9(30)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: 14

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Rules Governing Small Arms Hunting

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULES, FOLLOWING REVIEW BY THE LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE, IS HEREBY MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF REVIEW AND COMMENT BY THE LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE. THE ATTACHED MODIFICATIONS ARE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.


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LEGISLATIVE RULE
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**SERIES 14
RULES GOVERNING SMALL ARMS HUNTING**

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§58-14-1. General.

1.1. Scope. – This rule establishes regulations for hunting with small arms (pistol or revolver) in West Virginia.

1.2. Authority. – West Virginia Code §20-1-7(30).

1.3. Filing Date. –

1.4. Effective Date. –

§58-14-2. General Small Arms Hunting Rules.

2.1. No person shall hunt deer, bear or wild boar with any pistol or revolver using a straight-walled case of less than .357 magnum cartridge, a bottle-necked case of less than .24 caliber, or a muzzle-loading pistol of less than .38 caliber.

2.2. It is lawful to hunt woodchuck in the open fields with a pistol or revolver.

2.3. It is unlawful to hunt between one half (½) hour after sunset and one-half (½) hour before sunrise with any pistol or revolver larger than .22 caliber.

§58-14-3. Penalties.

3.1. Any person violating the provisions of this rule is subject to the penalties outlined in West Virginia Code §20-7-9.