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**NOTICE OF FINAL FILING AND ADOPTION OF A LEGISLATIVE RULE AUTHORIZED  
BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

AGENCY: DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES TITLE NUMBER: 58

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 RULE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

AUTHORIZATION IS CITED IN (house or senate bill number) HB 4219

SECTION 64-10-5(b), PASSED ON MARCH 9, 2002

THIS RULE IS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS RULE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON THE  
FOLLOWING DATE: April 3, 2002

  
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**TITLE 58  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
BUREAU OF COMMERCE  
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**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. – March 29, 2002

1.4. Effective Date. – March 29, 2002

**§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.