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House Bill 4486

By Delegates Dean, Cooper, and Miller  
[By request of the Division of Natural Resources]

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to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources then the Judiciary]

A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2-60 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to required attire for deer hunters hunting with a muzzleloader; creating misdemeanor offense for violation; and penalty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

§20-2-60. Required attire for deer hunters; exemption; penalty.

Any person who hunts deer on public lands or the lands of another during the period designated for firearms hunting of deer or muzzleloader hunting of deer shall wear a daylight fluorescent orange outer garment over at least 400 square inches of his or her person: *Provided,* That persons engaged in agricultural occupations shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while hunting deer on their own property. Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than $5 nor more than $50.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to include muzzleloader hunting of deer in the requirement for daylight fluorescent orange for hunters.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.