

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2023 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 2479

By Delegate Hott

[Introduced January 11, 2023; Referred to the
Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
then Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §20-2-39, relating to rules for hunting antlered deer.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-39. Rules for hunting antlered deer.

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the director shall propose rules for
2 legislative approval, in accordance with §29A-3-1 et seq., of this code, governing the hunting of
3 antlered deer. The rules shall provide that: (1) The first antlered deer may be harvested by a
4 licensee by any method under existing rules; (2) the second antlered deer harvested by a licensee,
5 regardless of how harvested, shall have three scorable points on one side; (3) no antlered deer
6 may be harvested by a licensee after harvesting the first two.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Director of the Division of Natural Resources to propose rules for hunting antlered deer.

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