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House Bill 3122

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
designated §20-2-5I, relating to permitting certain types of rifles using an encapsulated
propellant charge that loads from the breech, with the bullet loaded from the muzzle, during
any muzzleloader season; and providing an exception.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-51. Use of certain rifles to hunt in muzzleloader season.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, any person lawfully
entitled to hunt may hunt with a rifle using an encapsulated propellant charge that loads from the
breech, with the bullet loaded from the muzzle, during any muzzleloader season: *Provided*, That
such rifle may not be used for hunting during the Mountaineer Heritage season.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit certain types of rifles using an encapsulated propellant charge that loads from the breech.

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

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