WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 2023

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A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2-5l of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to creating a three-day muzzleloader season before traditional rifle season in November.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

article 2. wildlife resources.

§20-2-5l. Use of certain rifles to hunt in muzzleloader season.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code or any rule promulgated thereunder to the contrary, any person lawfully entitled to hunt may hunt with a singleshot muzzleloading pistol or singleshot muzzleloading rifle, having a bore diameter of not less than thirty-eight one-hundredths of an inch, using an encapsulated propellant charge that loads from the breech, with the projectile loaded from the muzzle, during any established muzzleloader season: *Provided*, That such muzzleloading pistol or muzzleloading rifle may not be used for hunting during the Mountaineer Heritage season: *Provided, however,* That there shall be established a three-day muzzleloader season to be scheduled on a Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before traditional rifle season in November.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a three-day muzzleloader season before rifle season in November.

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