

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2783**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Delegates Hott, Fehrenbacher, and Ward

[Introduced February 21, 2025; referred to the  
Committee on 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.*, governing the hunting of antlered deer.  
3        The rules shall provide that: (1) The first antlered deer may be harvested by a licensee by any  
4        method under existing rules; (2) the second antlered deer harvested by a licensee, regardless of  
5        how harvested, shall have three scorable points on one side; (3) no antlered deer may be  
6        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.