

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4176**

By Delegate Horst

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred to the  
Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,  
2 designated §20-2-46n, relating to allowing youths and those carrying a Class Q special  
3 hunting permit to take antlered deer.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

## ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

**§20-2-46n. Allowance for youths and Class Q special hunting permit carriers to take an antlered deer.**

1       (a) A youth hunter or a Class Q permit holder legally participating in the "Special Youth  
2       Deer Season" established by the Natural Resources Commission pursuant to §20-1-17(b)(7) of  
3       this code, shall be allowed to take one antlered deer during that special season. Any antlered deer  
4       taken during this special season shall apply toward regular firearms deer hunting season bag limit.

5       (b) No class XS license holder shall be entitled to take an antlered deer according to the  
6       "Special Youth Deer Season" privileges established pursuant to this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow youths and those carrying a Class Q special hunting permit to take 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.