

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

**House Bill 4504**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

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[Introduced January 19, 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 §20-2-39, 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:

4 (1) The first antlered deer may be harvested by a licensee by any method under existing  
5 rules;

6 (2) The second antlered deer harvested by a licensee, regardless of how harvested, shall  
7 have three scorable points on one side; and

8 (3) No antlered deer 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.