

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 4176

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Dean, Kimble, Martin, Masters, Phillips, Ridenour,
and B. Ward

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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.