

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 2818

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Gearheart and Kump

[Introduced January 19, 2023; Referred to the
Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
then the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §20-2-65, relating to moving the start of firearms deer season to begin the
3 Saturday before the week of the Thanksgiving holiday every year.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-65. Start of firearms season for deer to begin Saturday before Thanksgiving.

1 Beginning January 1, 2023, the opening day of deer season for firearms shall begin on the
2 Saturday before the week of Thanksgiving each year. The West Virginia Division of Natural
3 Resources shall adjust the season for hunting and implement this code section into their
4 regulations upon passage of this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to move the opening date of firearms season for deer to begin on the Saturday before the week of Thanksgiving each year.

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