

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**ENROLLED**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**House Bill 3122**

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TONEY AND COOPER

[Passed February 23, 2023; in effect ninety days from passage.]



1 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §20-2-5I, relating to permitting certain types of rifles using an encapsulated  
3 propellant charge that loads from the breech, with the bullet loaded from the muzzle,  
4 during any muzzleloader season; and providing an exception.

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

**ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.**

**§20-2-5I. Use of certain rifles to hunt in muzzleloader season.**

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this code or any rule promulgated thereunder to  
2 the contrary, any person lawfully entitled to hunt may hunt with a singleshoot muzzleloading pistol  
3 or singleshoot muzzleloading rifle, having a bore diameter of not less than thirty-eight one-  
4 hundredths of an inch, using an encapsulated propellant charge that loads from the breech, with  
5 the projectile loaded from the muzzle, during any established muzzleloader season: *Provided,*  
6 That such muzzleloading pistol or muzzleloading rifle may not be used for hunting during the  
7 Mountaineer Heritage season.



The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*Clerk of the Senate*

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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Day of ....., 2023.

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*Governor*