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6.02 Certain Firearms and Ammunition Prohibited During Modern Gun Deer Seasons

- A. It is unlawful to hunt deer during statewide modern gun deer seasons with:
1. Prohibited muzzleloading firearms (Code 06.03);
 2. Any .410 shotguns using ammunition other than slugs;
 3. Any shotguns using shot smaller than No. 4 buckshot;
 4. Handguns with either:
 - i. Barrels shorter than 4 inches,
 - ii. Conventional straight-walled calibers less than .357, or
 - iii. Bottleneck-case calibers less than .22;
 5. Rifles and handguns using rimfire cartridges in compliance with Code 06.11;
 6. Any centerfire rifle smaller than .22 caliber; or
 7. Air Rifles, except big bore air rifles that meet all of the following requirements:
 - i. A minimum of .40 caliber;
 - ii. Produce a minimum of 400 foot pounds of muzzle energy;
 - iii. Are charged via an external tank; and
 - iv. Propels a single, expandable slug.
- B. It also is unlawful for any person to hunt deer during modern gun deer seasons in Deer Zones 4, 4B, 5, 5B with any firearms other than the following:
1. Shotguns (.410 or larger) with slugs only;
 2. Legal muzzleloading long guns (Code 06.03);
 3. Handguns having barrels between 4 and 10 inches in length and chambered specifically for straight-wall centerfire cartridge cases and hunting with lead and, lead alloy, soft-nose and/or hollow-point bullets no less than .30 caliber; or
 4. Big bore air rifles that meet all of the following requirements:
 - i. A minimum of .40 caliber;
 - ii. Produce a minimum of 400 foot pounds of muzzle energy;
 - iii. Are charged via an external tank; and
 - iv. Propel a single, expandable slug.
- C. Archery, muzzleloader and modern gun may be used during the private land antlerless modern gun deer hunt, hunter orange will still be required and only one weapon of choice allowed.

EXCEPTION: In compliance with Code 05.19.

PENALTY: Class 1