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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Economic Impact Statement**

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**[IC 4-22-2.1-5](#) Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses**

**Estimated Number of Small Businesses Subject to this Rule:**

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) estimates that the proposed rule will not impose requirements or costs on small businesses.

The proposed rule will not impose requirements or costs on small businesses under [IC 4-22-2.1-5](#).

**Estimated Average Annual Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Small Businesses Will Incur for Compliance:**

None.

**Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses to Comply:**

None.

**Justification Statement of Requirement or Cost:**

Not applicable.

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis of Alternative Methods:**

This proposal would simply continue the provision of allowing deer hunters to take only one antlered deer during all of the archery, firearm, and muzzleloader seasons combined each year. This rule would continue for another five years (from 2007 to 2012), allowing the DNR another five years of data to evaluate whether or not the age or size of the deer population is affected by this rule. The proposed rules also clarify the license types that can be used to take a deer; they are currently already allowed. This rule proposal also reiterates that an antlered deer could still only be taken by a crossbow hunter during the late archery season during the time frame that the one buck rule is in effect. Crossbows are legal archery equipment only during the late archery season, and crossbow hunters are allowed to take either an antlered or an antlerless deer during that season, with either a regular archery license or an extra archery license. Therefore, there will be no economic impact to small businesses as a result of these rules.

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