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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Emergency Rule**  
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DIGEST

Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-3-2.5](#) to govern hunting white-tailed deer during the special youth season and adds a rifle as a legal firearm that can be used to hunt deer. Effective September 1, 2007.

**SECTION 1. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-2.5\(h\)](#) and governs the activities of an individual youth who is hunting deer.**

**(b) A youth hunter must not hunt deer with a firearm under this SECTION except as follows:**

**(1) A shotgun:**

**(A) must have a gauge 10, 12, 16, 20, or .410 bore loaded with a single projectile; and**

**(B) may be possessed in the field outside lawful shooting hours only if there are no shells in the chamber or magazine.**

**(2) A muzzleloading gun must be .44 caliber or larger, loaded with a bullet at least .357 inch or larger. A muzzleloading gun must be capable of being loaded only from the muzzle, including both powder and bullet. A muzzleloading gun may be possessed in the field outside lawful shooting hours only if:**

**(A) for percussion firearms, the cap or primer is removed from the nipple or primer adapter; or**

**(B) for flintlock firearms, the pan is not primed.**

**(3) Over-and-under combination rifle-shotguns are prohibited.**

**(4) A rifle must fire a cartridge that meets the following specifications:**

**(A) fire a bullet of three hundred fifty-seven thousandths (.357) of an inch diameter or larger;**

**(B) have a minimum case length of one and sixteen-hundredths (1.16) inches; and**

**(C) have a maximum case length of one and six hundred twenty-five thousandths (1.625) inches.**

**SECTION 2.** This document expires on October 1, 2007.

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