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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Final Rule**

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**DIGEST**

Amends [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) to allow a youth hunter to take either an antlered or antlerless deer during the special youth deer season. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

**[312 IAC 9-3-4](#)**

SECTION 1. [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[312 IAC 9-3-4](#) Season dates and bag limits**

**Authority:** [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-22-2-6](#)

**Affected:** [IC 14-22](#)

Sec. 4. (a) An individual must not take more than one (1) deer with each deer license.

(b) The special youth deer season is two (2) consecutive days beginning on the Saturday immediately before October 1 or as approved annually by the director.

(1) The seasonal limit for hunting deer under this subsection is one (1) ~~antlerless deer of either sex.~~

**(2) A youth hunter who takes an antlered deer under this subsection may not take another antlered deer during the:**

**(A) archery seasons established in subsection (c);**

**(B) firearm season established in subsection (e); or**

**(C) muzzleloader season established in subsection (f).**

~~(2)~~ **(3)** As used in this section, "youth" means an individual who is less than eighteen (18) years of age by the date of the hunt.

~~(3)~~ **(4)** A youth who hunts a deer under this subsection must be accompanied by an adult of at least eighteen (18) years of age who:

(A) does not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field;

(B) possesses a valid hunting license of any type that is not an apprentice license;

(C) must not accompany more than two (2) youth hunters at any one (1) time; and

(D) must be in close proximity and able to communicate with the youth hunter at all times.

(c) The archery deer season is as follows:

(1) Early archery season is from October 1 through the closing day of firearms season as established in subsection (e).

(2) Late archery season from the first Saturday after the closing day of firearms season as established in subsection (e) through the first Sunday in January.

(3) An individual must take not more than two (2) deer of which only one (1) may be antlered under this subsection.

(4) After August 31, 2012, an individual must not take an antlered deer by means of a crossbow.

(d) The urban deer season is as follows:

(1) From September 15 through the closing day of firearms season as established in subsection (e).

(2) During the late archery season as established in subsection (c)(2).

(3) An individual must take not more than four (4) deer of which only one (1) may be antlered under this subsection.

(4) A deer taken under this subsection does not count against a bag limit for deer set elsewhere in this rule.

(5) The following areas have been designated as urban deer zones subject to the urban deer season:

(A) The Indianapolis urban deer zone includes the following:

(i) All of Marion County.

(ii) That portion of Hendricks County east of State Highway 267.

(iii) The southeast portion of Boone County as bounded by the following:

(AA) State Highway 267.

(BB) Interstate Highway 65.

(CC) State Highway 32.

(iv) That portion of Hamilton County south of State Highway 32.

(B) The Fort Wayne urban deer zone includes that portion of Allen County lying within the bounds of Interstate Highway 69 and State Highway 469.

(C) The Evansville urban deer zone includes all of Vanderburgh County.

(D) The Lafayette urban deer zone includes the portion of Tippecanoe County north of State Highway 28.

(E) The Gary urban deer zone includes that portion of Lake County north of U.S. Highway 30.

(F) The Crown Point urban deer zone includes that portion of Lake County within the corporate limits of Crown Point.

(G) The Chesterton urban deer zone includes the portion of Porter County north of U.S. Highway 94.

(H) The Michigan City urban deer zone includes that portion of LaPorte County north of U.S. Highway 94.

(I) The Warsaw urban deer zone includes the portion of Kosciusko County within the corporate limits of the city of Warsaw.

(e) The firearms deer season is from the first Saturday after November 11 and continues for an additional fifteen (15) days. An individual must take not more than one (1) antlered deer under this subsection.

(f) The deer hunting season for only using a muzzleloading long gun or muzzleloading handgun is from the first Saturday after the closing day of firearms season as established in subsection (e) and continues for an additional fifteen (15) days. An individual must not take more than one (1) deer of either sex under this subsection.

(g) The season and bag limit for hunting antlerless deer in a designated county, by authority of an extra deer bonus antlerless license, shall be established on an annual basis by a temporary rule authorized by the director.

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