

Proposed Resolution #A
Requires 2/3 Majority

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Proposed: August 17, 2024 CPB Meeting

Title: Deer Hunting Equipment - Limited Firearm Zone

1. **WHEREAS:** under current Michigan regulations (pages 49 - 50 of the 2023 Michigan
2. Hunting Digest), a legal firearm for deer hunting in the Limited Firearm Zone is defined
3. as .35 caliber or larger rifle loaded with straight walled cartridges with a minimum case
4. length of 1.16 inches and a maximum case length of 1.8 inches, and;
5. **WHEREAS:** many hunters, have straight wall cartridges of greater than 1.8 inches,
6. particularly of historic nature, the change to all straight-walled cartridge calibers from a
7. maximum of 1.8" case length to a maximum of 2.2" maximum case length would benefit
8. many hunters, and;
9. **WHEREAS:** the minor change from 1.8" to 2.2" eliminates any concerns for the longer
10. length straight wall cartridges and still allows the most common straight wall cartridges
11. that have been requested on a routine basis, and;
12. **WHEREAS:** The minor change in length also minimizes concerns over the potential for
13. new cartridge development, and;
14. **WHEREAS:** The 2.2" maximum case length also provides the CO's similar enforcement
15. of maximum case length they are accustomed to currently, and;
16. **WHEREAS:** this proposed rule change to allow the maximum case length to be
17. extended to 2.2" will allow for the use of many of traditional deer hunting cartridges
18. commonly owned in Michigan for the Limited Firearms Deer Zone and will be beneficial
19. to the State of Michigan without increased risks to the public or the hunting community,
20. NOW;
21. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that MUCC work with the Natural Resources
22. Commission or the Michigan Legislature as necessary to change the regulation to allow
23. deer hunters to use straight wall cartridges .35 caliber or larger with maximum case
24. length of 2.2" in the Limited Firearms Zone.

