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Creation of a General Deer License

Currently, the gun deer license allows hunters to use a rifle, shotgun, pistol, or muzzleloader to harvest a whitetail deer during the 9-day deer gun season, **muzzleloader season, and the 4-day December gun hunt. Likewise, an archery license allows hunters to use a bow to harvest a whitetail deer during** the open archery season. However, there are many hunters in this state that strictly archery hunt. We also know that hunters and the Department of Natural Resources are looking for ways to simplify deer hunting regulations.

In an effort to:

1. decrease regulation complexity by creating an any weapon license
2. **increase hunting opportunities by allowing hunters to choose the way they want to hunt during the 9-day gun deer season**
3. provide hunters with more flexibility and options
4. increase the harvest of whitetail deer

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Florence County on April 16, 2007, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources work with the State Legislature to introduce legislation that would provide hunters with the option of using a **rifle, shotgun, pistol, muzzleloader, or bow to harvest whitetail deer during a** deer gun season, by changing the Gun Deer License to a General Deer License, that would be valid during any gun deer season.

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