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Title: Handguns- barrel length. Deer hunting

The Problem:

The 2010 Deer Hunting Regulations pamphlet Page 18 Handguns

Whereas: To be legal for deer a handguns must use a center fire cartridges of .22 caliber or larger and have a 5.5 inch minimum barrel, measured from the firing pin to the muzzle with the action closed...

Whereas: The small game pamphlet only requires a 4 inch barrel length. The lethality of a firearm is determined by the cartridge and not the length of the barrel. In addition avid handgun hunters know the accuracy of a weapon is determined by the amount of practice and not the length of the sighting plane.

Handguns are expensive weapons. And short barreled weapons allowed for small game should be adequate for deer if they meet the other requirements of center fire and larger than .22 caliber.
Therefore :.

Be it resolved:
I request the Barrel length from the firing pin to the muzzle be changed to 4 inches.

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