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Petition for Rule Change

A new form was just submitted from the <http://gfp.sd.gov/> website with the following information:

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Rule Identification: Beginning with the 2020 Deer Season 'Retirement Tag'

Describe Change: 1. Establish a Resident only 'Retirement Tag' for those individuals aged 65 and above. 2. 500 'Retirement Tags' would be available for 'Any Deer' state wide at the cost of \$100 per tag allocated annually. 3. Applicant will be allowed to hunt both private and public property. 4. No purchase of preference point option

Reason for Change: The 'Retirement Tag' for Residents aged 65+ would be aimed at keeping those individuals in the field and active. This group of hunters is small and would not have an impact on the overall deer herds. A successful applicant would not be allowed to apply for Landowners, East River, West River or Black Hills general draw. A successful applicant would still be allowed to apply and receive Custer State Park or Muzzleloader. There would be no preference point option for the 'Retirement Tag'. The increase in price from the standard \$40 for residents to \$100 for a 'Retirement Tag' is to cover the years of preference point purchase and tag price after years to applying in hard to draw units. This group of applicants has limited remaining years to enjoy the great outdoors in South Dakota. The increase in tag price will also allow the state receive more revenue while allowing more residents in field. Successful applicants for the 'Retirement Tag', being removed from the general draws as stated above, would allow for more residents to be successful in hard to draw counties. We must support our residents within the state of South Dakota for our hunting heritage and traditions. It is time to give those who've spent the years laying the ground work more opportunities to hunt.