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South Dakota - Game, Fish, and Parks

Petition for Rule Change

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

ID:	63
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Rule Identification:	Legal Firearms/Muzzleloaders for Spring Wild Turkey 2019
Decribe Change:	A person may use a 17 Remington, 22 Rimfire Magnum, 22 Hornet, 22K Hornet, and 218 Bee rifle during the spring turkey season. No self-loading or auto loading firearm that holds more that six cartridges may be used to hunt, pursue, shoot at, shoot, kill or wound a wild turkey. No firearm that is capable of being operated as a full automatic may be used to hunt, pursue, shoot at, shoot, kill, or wound a wild turkey. For shotguns no buckshot may be used and no single ball or rifle slug weighing less that one-half ounce may be used in hunting wild turkey. Shotguns may be used in hunting wild turkey. Handguns using ammunition which is factory rated to produce at least 500 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle may be used in the hunting of wild turkey. Muzzleloading handguns that discharge a projectile of at least .50 caliber and muzzleloading shotguns may also be used in the hunting of wild turkey. Any person who holds a license to take a wild turkey during the firearm season may take the animal by using a crossbow in lieu of a firearm. Crossbow means a device for propelling a bolt by means of traverse limbs mounted on a stock and a string. The crossbow may be drawn, held, and released by a mechanical devise and shall have at least 125 pounds pull and have a working mechanical safety.
Reason for Change:	To allow the use of small caliber rifles and not allow large caliber rifles, thereby decreasing the effective range of the rifle making rifle hunting safer and continuing to promote the tradition of rifle hunting wild turkey.