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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4371 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Representative Peter Pettalia

House Committee: Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation

Senate Committee: Outdoor Recreation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Establish a mentored youth hunting license for a person younger than 10, and allow a licensee to hunt with a mentor who was at least 21 in accordance with a proposed mentored youth hunting program.
- Lower the age to 10 for certain discounted hunting license fees, and set a fee of \$7.50 for a mentored youth hunting license.
- Require the Department of Natural Resources to report to the Legislature every four years regarding the adequacy of the revenue from mentored youth hunting licenses.

The fee for a mentored youth hunting license would include all of the privileges conferred by all of the following:

- Resident small game license.
- Combination deer license.
- All species fishing license.
- Spring and fall turkey hunting licenses.
- Resident fur harvester's license.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2011. It is tie-barred to Senate Bill 207, which would eliminate the minimum hunting age, and require the Natural Resources Commission to establish a mentored youth hunting program.

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Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on the Department of Natural Resources, depending on the level of participation in the Mentored Youth Hunting Program.

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