

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4371

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 43517, 43520, 43525a, and 43531 (MCL
324.43517, 324.43520, 324.43525a, and 324.43531), sections 43517
and 43520 as amended by 2006 PA 282, section 43525a as amended by
2006 PA 280, and section 43531 as amended by 2009 PA 70.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43517. **(1)** A parent or legal guardian of a minor child
2 shall not permit or allow the minor child to hunt game under the
3 authority of a license issued ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** this part except
4 under 1 of the following conditions:

5 (a) The minor child hunts only on land upon which a parent or
6 guardian is regularly domiciled or a parent or guardian, or another

1 ~~person~~**INDIVIDUAL** at least 18 years old authorized by a parent or
2 guardian, accompanies the minor child. This subdivision does not
3 apply under either of the following circumstances:

4 (i) The license is an apprentice license.

5 (ii) The minor child is less than 14 years old and the license
6 is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk with a firearm.

7 **(iii) THE MINOR CHILD IS LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD.**

8 (b) If the license is an apprentice license, a parent or
9 guardian, or another ~~person~~**INDIVIDUAL** at least 21 years old
10 authorized by a parent or guardian, who is licensed to hunt that
11 game under a license other than an apprentice license accompanies
12 the minor child. In addition, if the minor child is less than 14
13 years old and the apprentice license is a license to hunt deer,
14 bear, or elk with a firearm, the minor child shall hunt only on
15 private property.

16 (c) If the minor child is less than 14 years old and the
17 license is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk with a firearm, the
18 minor child hunts only on private property and a parent or
19 guardian, or another ~~person~~**INDIVIDUAL** authorized by a parent or
20 guardian who is at least 18 years old, accompanies the minor child.
21 This subdivision does not apply if the license is an apprentice
22 license **OR IF THE MINOR CHILD IS LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD.**

23 **(D) IF THE MINOR CHILD IS LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD, THE MINOR**
24 **HUNTS ONLY WITH A MENTOR IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MENTORED YOUTH**
25 **HUNTING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (2).**

26 **(2) WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY**
27 **ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER**

House Bill No. 4371 (H-2) as amended May 19, 2011

1 UNDER SECTION 40113A ESTABLISHING A MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM.

2 THE ORDER SHALL PROVIDE FOR AT LEAST ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (A) A MENTOR SHALL BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE
4 PARTICIPATING IN THE MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM.

5 (B) A MENTOR SHALL POSSESS A VALID LICENSE TO HUNT, OTHER THAN
6 AN APPRENTICE LICENSE, BEFORE ENGAGING IN ANY MENTORED YOUTH
7 HUNTING PROGRAM.

8 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT BE A MENTOR UNLESS HE OR SHE
9 PRESENTS PROOF OF PREVIOUS HUNTING EXPERIENCE IN THE FORM OF A
10 PREVIOUS HUNTING LICENSE, OTHER THAN AN APPRENTICE LICENSE, OR
11 CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF TRAINING IN HUNTER SAFETY ISSUED TO
12 THE INDIVIDUAL BY THIS STATE, ANOTHER STATE, A PROVINCE OF CANADA,
13 OR ANOTHER COUNTRY.

[(3) IN ESTABLISHING THE MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM UNDER
SUBSECTION (2), THE COMMISSION SHALL WORK WITH CERTIFIED HUNTER SAFETY
INSTRUCTORS TO ENSURE THAT THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE PROGRAM IS TO INSTILL
EXCEPTIONAL HUNTER SAFETY, HUNTER ETHICS, AND CONSERVATION PRACTICES. THE
COMMISSION SHALL CONFER WITH MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAMS IN STATES
THAT HAVE ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS AND INCORPORATE GUIDELINES THAT HAVE
PROVEN SUCCESSFUL IN INCREASING HUNTER PARTICIPATION.]

14 Sec. 43520. (1) Subject to other requirements of this part,
15 the department may issue a hunting license to a minor child if all
16 of the following requirements are met:

17 (a) A parent or legal guardian of the minor child applies for
18 the license on behalf of the minor child.

19 (b) The parent or guardian represents that the requirements of
20 section ~~43517(a), (b), or (c)~~ 43517, as applicable, will be
21 complied with.

22 ~~— (c) The minor child is at least 10 years old or, if the~~
23 ~~license is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk with a firearm, at~~
24 ~~least 12 years old.~~

25 (C) ~~(d)~~ The license fee is paid.

26 (2) A person authorized to sell hunting licenses shall not
27 issue a hunting license to ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** born after

1 January 1, 1960, unless the ~~person~~**INDIVIDUAL** presents proof of
2 previous hunting experience in the form of a hunting license issued
3 by this state, another state, a province of Canada, or another
4 country or presents a certification of completion of training in
5 hunter safety issued to the ~~person~~**INDIVIDUAL** by this state,
6 another state, a province of Canada, or another country. If an
7 applicant for a hunting license does not have proof of such a
8 previous license or a certification of completion of training in
9 hunter safety, a person authorized to sell hunting licenses may
10 issue a hunting license if the applicant submits a signed affidavit
11 stating that the applicant has completed a course in hunter safety
12 or that the applicant possessed such a hunting license previously.
13 The person selling a hunting license shall record as specified by
14 the department the form of proof of the previous hunting experience
15 or certification of completion of hunter safety training presented
16 by the applicant. This subsection does not apply to the issuance of
17 an apprentice license. An apprentice license or the equivalent does
18 not satisfy the requirements of this subsection concerning proof of
19 previous hunting experience.

20 (3) ~~A person~~**AN INDIVIDUAL** who does not meet the requirements
21 of subsection (2) may obtain an apprentice license for the same
22 price as the corresponding regular license that the ~~person~~
23 **INDIVIDUAL** would otherwise be qualified to obtain. ~~A person~~**AN**
24 **INDIVIDUAL** 17 years old or older shall not hunt game under an
25 apprentice license unless another ~~person~~**INDIVIDUAL** at least 21
26 years old who possesses a license, other than an apprentice
27 license, to hunt that game accompanies that apprentice licensee and

1 does not accompany more than 1 other apprentice licensee. For the
2 purposes of this subsection and section ~~43517(b)~~ **43517(1)(B)**, a
3 ~~person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** shall not go along with more than 2 apprentice
4 licensees of any age for the purpose of accompanying those
5 apprentice licensees while those apprentice licensees are hunting.
6 If a ~~person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** has represented to an apprentice licensee
7 or, if the apprentice licensee is a minor child, to the apprentice
8 licensee's parent or legal guardian that the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL**
9 would accompany the apprentice licensee for the purposes of this
10 subsection, the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** shall not go along with the
11 apprentice licensee while the apprentice licensee is hunting unless
12 the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** actually accompanies the apprentice licensee
13 and possesses a license, other than an apprentice license, to hunt
14 the same game as the apprentice licensee. ~~A person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** is
15 not eligible to obtain a specific type of apprentice license, such
16 as a firearm deer license, an archery deer license, a combination
17 deer license, a small game license, or a turkey license, for more
18 than 2 license years. An apprentice license shall be distinguished
19 from a license other than an apprentice license by a notation or
20 other means.

21 ~~—— (4) By October 1, 2008, the department shall submit to the~~
22 ~~standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with~~
23 ~~primary responsibility for conservation and outdoor recreation~~
24 ~~issues a report on the effect of the apprentice hunter program and~~
25 ~~the reductions in minimum hunting age enacted by the 2006~~
26 ~~amendatory act that amended this section on recruitment of new~~
27 ~~hunters and other relevant issues, such as hunter safety.~~

1 (4) ONLY A MINOR WHO IS LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD MAY OBTAIN A
2 MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING LICENSE. A MINOR WHO IS LESS THAN 10 YEARS
3 OLD SHALL NOT HUNT GAME UNDER A MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING LICENSE
4 UNLESS THAT MINOR COMPLIES WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE MENTORED
5 YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER SECTION
6 43517. THE FEE FOR A MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING LICENSE IS \$7.50 AND
7 SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE PRIVILEGES CONFERRED BY ALL OF THE
8 FOLLOWING:

9 (A) RESIDENT SMALL GAME LICENSE.

10 (B) COMBINATION DEER LICENSE.

11 (C) ALL SPECIES FISHING LICENSE.

12 (D) SPRING TURKEY HUNTING LICENSE AND FALL TURKEY HUNTING
13 LICENSE.

14 (E) RESIDENT FUR HARVESTER'S LICENSE.

15 (5) BY 4 YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT
16 THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION AND EVERY 4 YEARS AFTER THAT DATE, THE
17 DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE
18 SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR
19 CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR RECREATION ISSUES EVALUATING WHETHER THE
20 FEE REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING
21 LICENSES UNDER SUBSECTION (4) IS ADEQUATE TO ADMINISTER THE
22 MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM.

23 Sec. 43525a. (1) The department shall issue a combination deer
24 license that authorizes ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** to hunt deer both
25 during the firearm deer seasons and the bow and arrow seasons, in
26 compliance with the rules established for the respective deer
27 hunting season. A combination deer license shall authorize the

1 holder to take 2 deer in compliance with orders issued under part
2 401.

3 (2) The fee for a resident combination deer license is the
4 total of the resident firearm deer license fee plus the resident
5 bow and arrow deer license fee. The fee for a nonresident
6 combination deer license is the total of the nonresident firearm
7 deer license fee plus the nonresident bow and arrow deer license
8 fee. ~~However, the~~ **THE** fee for a combination deer license for a
9 resident or nonresident minor child **10 YEARS OLD OR OLDER** shall be
10 discounted 50% from the cost of the resident combination deer
11 license.

12 (3) If advisable in managing deer, an order under part 401 may
13 designate the kind of deer that may be taken and the geographic
14 area in which any license issued under this section is valid.

15 (4) The department may issue kill tags with or as part of each
16 combination deer license. Each kill tag shall bear the license
17 number. A kill tag may also include space for other pertinent
18 information required by the department. A kill tag, if issued, is
19 part of the license and shall not be used more than 1 time.

20 (5) The combination deer license shall count as 2 licenses for
21 the purposes of license fees under section 43536a, ~~discounting~~
22 ~~under subsection 43521(c),~~ and transmittal, deposit, and use of
23 fees under sections 43554 and 43555.

24 (6) A senior citizen may obtain a senior combination deer
25 license. The fee for a senior combination deer license shall be
26 discounted at the same rate as provided in section 43535.

27 ~~———— (7) A combination deer license issued to a person less than 12~~

~~years of age is valid only for taking deer with a bow and arrow, until the person is 12 years of age or older.~~

(7) ~~(8)~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, except for replacing lost or destroyed licenses, ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** shall not apply for, obtain, or purchase any combination of firearm deer licenses, bow and arrow deer licenses, and combination deer licenses that would authorize the taking of more than 2 deer.

Sec. 43531. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 43523(2), ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** shall not trap or hunt fur-bearing animals unless the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** possesses a fur harvester's license. However, ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** who goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not required to possess a fur harvester's license if the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** does not carry a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to chase or locate a bobcat during the hunt.

(2) The fee for a resident fur harvester's license is \$15.00. ~~The fee for a resident or nonresident who is 12 years of age through 16 years of age for a fur harvester's license~~ **FOR A RESIDENT OR NONRESIDENT MINOR CHILD 10 YEARS OLD OR OLDER** shall be discounted 50% from the cost of the resident fur harvester's license.

(3) The department may issue a nonresident fur harvester's license to a nonresident of this state if the state, province, or country in which the nonresident applicant resides allows residents of this state to obtain equivalent hunting and trapping privileges in that state, province, or country. The fee for an eligible

1 nonresident fur harvester's license is \$150.00. Nonresident fur
2 harvester's licenses shall not be sold or purchased before November
3 15 of each year.

4 (4) ~~A person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** who holds a fur harvester's license
5 may hunt fur-bearing animals during the season open to taking fur-
6 bearing animals with firearms and may trap fur-bearing animals
7 during the season open to trapping fur-bearing animals.

8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect September
9 1, 2011.