

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4371

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 43520, 43525a, and 43531 (MCL 324.43520,
324.43525a, and 324.43531), section 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. 43520. (1) Subject to other requirements of this part,
2 the department may issue a hunting license to a minor child if all
3 of the following requirements are met:

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

6 (b) The parent or guardian represents that the requirements of
7 section ~~43517(a), (b), or (c)~~ 43517, as applicable, will be

1 complied with.

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

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

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

27 (3) ~~A person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** who does not meet the requirements

1 of subsection (2) may obtain an apprentice license for the same
2 price as the corresponding regular license that the ~~person~~
3 **INDIVIDUAL** would otherwise be qualified to obtain. ~~A person~~ **AN**
4 **INDIVIDUAL** 17 years old or older shall not hunt game under an
5 apprentice license unless another ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** at least 21
6 years old who possesses a license, other than an apprentice
7 license, to hunt that game accompanies that apprentice licensee and
8 does not accompany more than 1 other apprentice licensee. For the
9 purposes of this subsection and section ~~43517(b)~~ **43517(1)(B)**, a
10 ~~person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** shall not go along with more than 2 apprentice
11 licensees of any age for the purpose of accompanying those
12 apprentice licensees while those apprentice licensees are hunting.
13 If ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** has represented to an apprentice licensee
14 or, if the apprentice licensee is a minor child, to the apprentice
15 licensee's parent or legal guardian that the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL**
16 would accompany the apprentice licensee for the purposes of this
17 subsection, the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** shall not go along with the
18 apprentice licensee while the apprentice licensee is hunting unless
19 the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** actually accompanies the apprentice licensee
20 and possesses a license, other than an apprentice license, to hunt
21 the same game as the apprentice licensee. ~~A person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** is
22 not eligible to obtain a specific type of apprentice license, such
23 as a firearm deer license, an archery deer license, a combination
24 deer license, a small game license, or a turkey license, for more
25 than 2 license years. An apprentice license shall be distinguished
26 from a license other than an apprentice license by a notation or
27 other means.

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

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

(A) RESIDENT SMALL GAME LICENSE.

(B) COMBINATION DEER LICENSE.

(C) ALL SPECIES FISHING LICENSE.

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

(E) RESIDENT FUR HARVESTER'S LICENSE.

(5) BY 4 YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION AND EVERY 4 YEARS AFTER THAT DATE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR RECREATION ISSUES EVALUATING WHETHER THE FEE REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING

1 **LICENSES UNDER SUBSECTION (4) IS ADEQUATE TO ADMINISTER THE**
2 **MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM.**

3 Sec. 43525a. (1) The department shall issue a combination deer
4 license that authorizes ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** to hunt deer both
5 during the firearm deer seasons and the bow and arrow seasons, in
6 compliance with the rules established for the respective deer
7 hunting season. A combination deer license shall authorize the
8 holder to take 2 deer in compliance with orders issued under part
9 401.

10 (2) The fee for a resident combination deer license is the
11 total of the resident firearm deer license fee plus the resident
12 bow and arrow deer license fee. The fee for a nonresident
13 combination deer license is the total of the nonresident firearm
14 deer license fee plus the nonresident bow and arrow deer license
15 fee. ~~However, the~~ **THE** fee for a combination deer license for a
16 resident or nonresident minor child **10 YEARS OLD OR OLDER** shall be
17 discounted 50% from the cost of the resident combination deer
18 license.

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

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

27 (5) The combination deer license shall count as 2 licenses for

1 the purposes of license fees under section 43536a ~~, discounting~~
 2 ~~under subsection 43521(c),~~ and transmittal, deposit, and use of
 3 fees under sections 43554 and 43555.

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

7 ~~—— (7) A combination deer license issued to a person less than 12~~
 8 ~~years of age is valid only for taking deer with a bow and arrow,~~
 9 ~~until the person is 12 years of age or older.~~

10 (7) ~~(8)~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of this part,
 11 except for replacing lost or destroyed licenses, ~~a person~~ **AN**
 12 **INDIVIDUAL** shall not apply for, obtain, or purchase any combination
 13 of firearm deer licenses, bow and arrow deer licenses, and
 14 combination deer licenses that would authorize the taking of more
 15 than 2 deer.

16 Sec. 43531. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section
 17 43523(2), ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** shall not trap or hunt fur-bearing
 18 animals unless the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** possesses a fur harvester's
 19 license. However, ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** who goes on a bobcat hunt
 20 with a licensed hunter is not required to possess a fur harvester's
 21 license if the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** does not carry a firearm, bow, or
 22 crossbow and does not own dogs used to chase or locate a bobcat
 23 during the hunt.

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

1 discounted 50% from the cost of the resident fur harvester's
2 license.

3 (3) The department may issue a nonresident fur harvester's
4 license to a nonresident of this state if the state, province, or
5 country in which the nonresident applicant resides allows residents
6 of this state to obtain equivalent hunting and trapping privileges
7 in that state, province, or country. The fee for an eligible
8 nonresident fur harvester's license is \$150.00. Nonresident fur
9 harvester's licenses shall not be sold or purchased before November
10 15 of each year.

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

15 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect September
16 1, 2011.

17 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
18 unless Senate Bill No. 207 of the 96th Legislature is enacted into
19 law.