

HOUSE BILL No. 5711

March 13, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Cole, LaFave, Bellino, Johnson, Rendon, Hoitenga, Sheppard and VanderWall and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 43517 (MCL 324.43517), as added by 2011 PA 109.

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 under this part except under 1 of the
4 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
7 individual at least 18 years old authorized by a parent or
8 guardian, accompanies the minor child. This subdivision does not
9 apply under ~~any 1~~ **EITHER** of the following circumstances:

1 (i) The license is an apprentice license.

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

4 (ii) ~~(iii)~~ The minor child is less than 10 years old.

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

13 ~~—— (c) If the minor child is less than 14 years old and the~~
14 ~~license is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk with a firearm, the~~
15 ~~minor child hunts only on private property and a parent or~~
16 ~~guardian, or another individual authorized by a parent or guardian~~
17 ~~who is at least 18 years old, accompanies the minor child. This~~
18 ~~subdivision does not apply if the license is an apprentice license~~
19 ~~or if the minor child is less than 10 years old.~~

20 (C) ~~(d)~~ If the minor child is less than 10 years old, the
21 minor hunts only with a mentor in compliance with the mentored
22 youth hunting program established by the commission under
23 subsection (2).

24 (2) ~~Within 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory~~
25 ~~act that added this subsection, **BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2012,** the~~
26 ~~commission shall issue an order under section 40113a establishing a~~
27 ~~mentored youth hunting program. The order shall **MUST** provide for at~~

1 least all of the following:

2 (a) A mentor shall be at least 21 years of age before
3 participating in the mentored youth hunting program.

4 (b) A mentor shall possess a valid license to hunt, other than
5 an apprentice license, before engaging in any mentored youth
6 hunting program.

7 (c) An individual shall not be a mentor unless he or she
8 presents proof of previous hunting experience in the form of a
9 previous hunting license, other than an apprentice license, or
10 certification of completion of training in hunter safety issued to
11 the individual by this state, another state, a province of Canada,
12 or another country.