

HOUSE BILL No. 4957

September 14, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Howell, Lucido, VanderWall, Elder, Zemke, Greimel, Chang, Chirkun, Howrylak, Alexander, Brann, Hughes, Maturen and LaFave and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 43502 and 43520 (MCL 324.43502 and 324.43520),
as amended by 2013 PA 108.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43502. (1) "Accompany" means to go along with another
2 ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** under circumstances that allow one to come to the
3 immediate aid of the other ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** and while staying
4 within a distance from the ~~person~~ **OTHER INDIVIDUAL** that permits
5 uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communication.

6 (2) "Amphibian" means a frog, toad, salamander, or other
7 member of the class amphibia.

8 (3) "Apprentice license" means a license issued under section
9 43520(3). ~~or (4).~~

10 (4) "Aquatic species" means a fish, reptile, amphibian,

1 mollusk, aquatic insect, or crustacea or part thereof.

2 (5) "Base license" means a license issued under section
3 43523a.

4 (6) "Bow" means a device for propelling an arrow from a string
5 drawn, held, and released by hand if the force used to hold the
6 string in the drawn position is provided by the archer's muscles.

7 (7) "Crossbow" means a weapon consisting of a bow, with a draw
8 weight of 100 pounds or more, mounted transversely on a stock or
9 frame and designed to fire an arrow, bolt, or quarrel by the
10 release of a bow string controlled by a mechanical or electric
11 trigger with a working safety.

12 (8) "Crustacea" means a freshwater crayfish, shrimp, or prawn
13 of the order decapoda.

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, as applicable, will be complied with.

21 (c) The license fee is paid.

22 (2) A person authorized to sell hunting licenses shall not
23 issue a hunting license to an individual born after January 1,
24 1960, unless the individual presents proof of previous hunting
25 experience in the form of a hunting license issued by this state,
26 another state, a province of Canada, or another country or presents
27 a certification of completion of training in hunter safety issued

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

16 ~~—— (3) An individual who does not meet the requirements of~~
17 ~~subsection (2) may obtain an apprentice license for the same price~~
18 ~~as the corresponding regular license that the individual would~~
19 ~~otherwise be qualified to obtain. An individual 17 years old or~~
20 ~~older shall not hunt game under an apprentice license unless~~
21 ~~another individual at least 21 years old who possesses a license,~~
22 ~~other than an apprentice license, to hunt that game accompanies~~
23 ~~that apprentice licensee and does not accompany more than 1 other~~
24 ~~apprentice licensee. For the purposes of this subsection and~~
25 ~~section 43517(1)(b), an individual shall not go along with more~~
26 ~~than 2 apprentice licensees of any age for the purpose of~~
27 ~~accompanying those apprentice licensees while those apprentice~~

~~licensees are hunting. If an individual has represented to an apprentice licensee or, if the apprentice licensee is a minor child, to the apprentice licensee's parent or legal guardian that the individual would accompany the apprentice licensee for the purposes of this subsection, the individual shall not go along with the apprentice licensee while the apprentice licensee is hunting unless the individual actually accompanies the apprentice licensee and possesses a license, other than an apprentice license, to hunt the same game as the apprentice licensee. An individual is not eligible to obtain a specific type of apprentice license, such as a firearm deer license, an archery deer license, a combination deer license, a small game license, or a turkey license, for more than 2 license years. An apprentice license shall be distinguished from a license other than an apprentice license by a notation or other means.~~

(3) ~~(4) Beginning March 1, 2014, an~~ **AN** individual who does not meet the requirements of subsection (2) may obtain an apprentice license for the same price as the corresponding regular license that the individual would otherwise be qualified to obtain. An individual 17 years old or older shall not hunt game under an apprentice license unless another individual at least 21 years old who possesses a license, other than an apprentice license, to hunt that game accompanies that apprentice licensee and does not accompany more than 1 other apprentice licensee. For the purposes of this subsection and section 43517(1)(b), an individual shall not go along with more than 2 apprentice licensees of any age for the purpose of accompanying those apprentice licensees while those

1 apprentice licensees are hunting. If an individual has represented
2 to an apprentice licensee or, if the apprentice licensee is a minor
3 child, to the apprentice licensee's parent or legal guardian that
4 the individual would accompany the apprentice licensee for the
5 purposes of this subsection, the individual shall not go along with
6 the apprentice licensee while the apprentice licensee is hunting
7 unless the individual actually accompanies the apprentice licensee
8 and possesses a license, other than an apprentice license, to hunt
9 the same game as the apprentice licensee. An individual is not
10 eligible to obtain a specific type of apprentice license, such as a
11 deer license, a base license, or a turkey license, for more than 2
12 license years. An apprentice license ~~shall~~**MUST** be distinguished
13 from a license other than an apprentice license by a notation or
14 other means.

15 **(4)** ~~(5)~~ Only a minor who is less than 10 years old may obtain
16 a mentored youth hunting license. A minor who is less than 10 years
17 old shall not hunt game under a mentored youth hunting license
18 unless that minor complies with all requirements of the mentored
19 youth hunting program established by the commission under section
20 43517. ~~The fee for a mentored youth hunting license is \$7.50 and~~
21 ~~shall include all of the privileges conferred by all of the~~
22 ~~following:~~

23 ~~—— (a) Resident small game license.~~

24 ~~—— (b) Combination deer license.~~

25 ~~—— (c) All species fishing license.~~

26 ~~—— (d) Spring turkey hunting license and fall turkey hunting~~
27 ~~license.~~

~~(e) Resident fur harvester's license.~~

(5) ~~(6) Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **THE** fee for a mentored youth hunting license is \$7.50 and ~~shall include~~ **INCLUDES** all of the privileges conferred by all of the following:

(a) Base license.

(b) Deer license.

(c) All-species fishing license.

(d) Spring wild turkey hunting license and fall wild turkey hunting license.

(e) Fur harvester's license.

(6) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASES A MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING LICENSE MAY PURCHASE ADDITIONAL LICENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSES UNDER SECTION 43527A.

(B) A BEAR HUNTING LICENSE UNDER SECTION 43528.

(C) AN ELK HUNTING LICENSE UNDER SECTION 43529.

(7) By September 1, 2015 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 licenses under subsection ~~(6)~~ **(5)** is adequate to administer the mentored youth hunting program.