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**Introduced by Reps. Howell, Lucido, VanderWall, Elder, Zemke, Greimel, Chang, Chirkun, Howrylak,  
Alexander, Brann, Hughes, Maturen and LaFave**

# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4957**

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to protect the people’s right to hunt and fish; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, assessments, and donations; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” 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:*

Sec. 43502. (1) “Accompany” means to go along with another individual under circumstances that allow one to come to the immediate aid of the other individual and while staying within a distance from the other individual that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communication.

(2) “Amphibian” means a frog, toad, salamander, or other member of the class amphibia.

(3) “Apprentice license” means a license issued under section 43520(3).

(4) “Aquatic species” means a fish, reptile, amphibian, mollusk, aquatic insect, or crustacea or part thereof.

(5) “Base license” means a license issued under section 43523a.

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

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

(8) “Crustacea” means a freshwater crayfish, shrimp, or prawn of the order decapoda.

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

- (a) A parent or legal guardian of the minor child applies for the license on behalf of the minor child.
- (b) The parent or guardian represents that the requirements of section 43517, as applicable, will be complied with.
- (c) The license fee is paid.

(2) A person authorized to sell hunting licenses shall not issue a hunting license to an individual born after January 1, 1960, unless the individual presents proof of previous hunting experience in the form of a hunting license issued by this state, another state, a province of Canada, or another country or presents a certification of completion of training in hunter safety issued to the individual by this state, another state, a province of Canada, or another country. If an applicant for a hunting license does not have proof of such a previous license or a certification of completion of training in hunter safety, a person authorized to sell hunting licenses may issue a hunting license if the applicant submits a signed affidavit stating that the applicant has completed a course in hunter safety or that the applicant possessed such a hunting license previously. The person selling a hunting license shall record as specified by the department the form of proof of the previous hunting experience or certification of completion of hunter safety training presented by the applicant. This subsection does not apply to the issuance of an apprentice license. An apprentice license or the equivalent does not satisfy the requirements of this subsection concerning proof of previous hunting experience.

(3) 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 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 deer license, a base license, or a turkey license, for more than 2 license years. An apprentice license must be distinguished from a license other than an apprentice license by a notation or other means.

(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.

(5) The fee for a mentored youth hunting license is \$7.50 and 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.

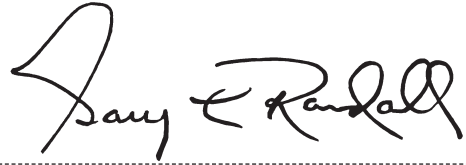
(6) An individual who purchases a mentored youth hunting license may apply for or purchase additional licenses pursuant to current regulations, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- (a) Antlerless deer licenses under section 43527a.
- (b) A bear hunting license under section 43528.
- (c) An elk hunting license under section 43529.

(7) An individual hunting with a license purchased under subsection (6) must comply with all requirements of the mentored youth hunting program established by the commission under section 43517.

(8) 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 (5) is adequate to administer the mentored youth hunting program.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



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Clerk of the House of Representatives



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Secretary of the Senate

Approved .....

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Governor