

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.43517 Hunting by minor child or adult who has a developmental disability; order establishing mentored hunting program.

Sec. 43517. (1) A parent or guardian of a minor child or a guardian of an adult who has a developmental disability shall not permit or allow the minor child or adult who has a developmental disability to hunt game under the authority of a license issued under this part except under 1 of the following conditions:

(a) The minor child hunts only on land upon which a parent or guardian is regularly domiciled or a parent or guardian, or another individual at least 18 years old authorized by a parent or guardian, accompanies the minor child. This subdivision does not apply under any of the following circumstances:

(i) The license is an apprentice license.

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

(iii) The minor child is an individual who has a developmental disability and is unable to obtain certification of completion of training in hunter safety.

(b) If the license is an apprentice license, a parent or guardian, or another individual at least 21 years old authorized by a parent or guardian, who is licensed to hunt that game under a license other than an apprentice license accompanies the minor child or adult who has a developmental disability.

(c) If the individual is less than 10 years old, the individual hunts only with a mentor in compliance with the mentored hunting program established by the commission under subsection (2).

(d) If the individual is an individual who has a developmental disability and is unable to obtain certification of completion of training in hunter safety, the individual hunts only with a mentor in compliance with the mentored hunting program established by the commission under subsection (2).

(e) If the adult who has a developmental disability has a guardian appointed under chapter 6 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1600 to 330.1644, and is unable to obtain certification of completion of training in hunter safety, the adult hunts only with a mentor in compliance with the mentored hunting program established by the commission under subsection (2).

(2) The commission shall issue an order under section 40113a establishing a mentored hunting program. The order must provide for at least all of the following:

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

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

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

(3) As used in this section, "developmental disability" means that term as defined in section 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a.

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