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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUNTING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that mentored hunting,  
2 also called apprentice hunting, allows a person to try hunting  
3 prior to completing any required hunter education courses.  
4 Presently, more than half of the states in the nation operate a  
5 mentored hunting program. These programs attract new hunters of  
6 all ages by allowing the prospective hunter to gain experience  
7 under the direct supervision of a seasoned mentor.

8           The legislature further finds that mentor programs help  
9 young hunters and their families enjoy sporting traditions  
10 together. However, young children in Hawaii may not participate  
11 in carrying game, ammunition, or hunting equipment, which are  
12 essential elements for sharing the experience. Moreover,  
13 requiring children to spend a number of hours in hunting courses  
14 prior to active participation does not promote the experience.  
15 Ultimately, parents are in the best position to know when  
16 children are ready to hunt and are most equipped to provide the  
17 necessary guidance.



1           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
2 land and natural resources to issue Hawaii hunting participant  
3 permits authorizing children to hunt under direct supervision.

4           SECTION 2. Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
6 and to read as follows:

7           "§183D- Hawaii hunting participant permit. (a) The  
8 department shall issue a Hawaii hunting participant permit to  
9 any Hawaii resident between the ages of seven and ten who:

10           (1) Has never been issued a hunting license in the State;

11           and

12           (2) Submits a written application in the form prescribed  
13 by the department;

14 provided that the permit may be renewed until the permittee  
15 reaches the age of ten, or through the end of the second  
16 consecutive fiscal year from the date of application if older  
17 than ten years.

18           (b) Any Hawaii hunting participant permittee may engage in  
19 hunting activity; provided that the permittee shall:

20           (1) Possess the Hawaii hunting participant permit; and

21           (2) Be accompanied by a licensed hunter who is eighteen  
22 years of age or older."



1 SECTION 3. Section 183D-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) A hunting license shall be issued to a person by an  
4 agent of the department upon:

5 (1) Written application in the form prescribed by the  
6 department;

7 (2) Payment of a hunting license fee or any other hunting  
8 related fee the board may require as provided in this  
9 chapter; except that payment of the fee shall be  
10 waived for any employee of the department who is  
11 required to have a license to carry out duties of the  
12 department; and

13 (3) Showing of a valid Hawaii hunter education certificate  
14 or written exemption issued under section 183D-28 [~~or~~  
15 ~~upon showing~~], proof of completion of an approved  
16 hunter education course described in section 183D-  
17 28(b)(2) [~~-~~], or a valid Hawaii hunting participant  
18 permit issued pursuant to section 183D- .

19 The application shall require a statement under oath of the  
20 applicant's name, address, domicile or residence, length of  
21 residence in the State, age, race, height, weight, and color of  
22 hair and eyes."



1 SECTION 4. Section 183D-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) A person who meets the minimum age requirements  
4 adopted pursuant to subsection (c) shall be exempt from the  
5 requirements of subsection (a) if the person:

6 (1) Was born before January 1, 1972, and at one time  
7 possessed a hunting license issued by the State;  
8 provided that the person shows satisfactory proof to  
9 the department that the person had possessed the  
10 hunting license;

11 (2) Has successfully completed a course or program of  
12 hunter education and safety that is approved by the  
13 International Hunter Education Association and meets  
14 the requirements of Chapter 12 of the United States  
15 Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Aid Manual, as  
16 revised; provided that the person shows satisfactory  
17 proof in the form of a certificate, wallet card, or  
18 other document issued by a state, province, or country  
19 evidencing successful completion of the course or  
20 program; [~~or~~]

21 (3) Obtains a three-day or a seven-day hunting license  
22 pursuant to section 183D-22(b)(3) to hunt on a private



1 and commercial shooting preserve, accompanied by a  
2 hunting guide licensed pursuant to section 183D-25.5;  
3 provided that:

4 (A) All hunting shall be conducted on a licensed  
5 private and commercial shooting preserve and  
6 under the direction of a hunting guide who has  
7 successfully completed a Hawaii hunter education  
8 certification course and meets the requirements  
9 of section 183D-25.5;

10 (B) Prior to licensing, a hunter safety class and  
11 field training session shall be provided to the  
12 licensee that includes hunter safety and hunting  
13 equipment use and safe discharge;

14 (C) While hunting under these provisions, a hunting  
15 guide shall guide not more than two unaccompanied  
16 clients at any time while hunting;

17 (D) All hunting guides and clients shall wear a  
18 hunter safety blaze-orange outer garment while  
19 hunting;

20 (E) The private and commercial shooting preserve  
21 operator, hunting guides, and clients agree to be  
22 subject to inspection while engaged in hunting



1 activities by department ~~representatives~~ or  
 2 authorized law enforcement officers; and  
 3 (F) The private and commercial shooting preserve  
 4 owner and operator assume responsibility and  
 5 liability for public and hunter safety while  
 6 operating under these provisions and agree to  
 7 report any injuries to the department[-]; or  
 8 (4) Obtains a Hawaii hunting participant permit issued  
 9 pursuant to section 183D- .

10 Upon application and satisfaction of the requirements of  
 11 paragraph (1), the department shall issue a written exemption  
 12 that shall be valid for the life of the person. The department  
 13 shall develop and maintain a list of approved hunter education  
 14 courses described in paragraph (2) for reference by the public  
 15 and license agents."

16 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.  
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