

ACT 127

S.B. NO. 3062

A Bill for an Act Relating to Hunting.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

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

“(b) The hunting license fee shall be:

- (1) \$10 for any person who has resided in the State for one year or longer, or who is a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty and the spouse and children thereof[.], or who elects to forgo the exemption provided in paragraph (3);
- (2) [\$20] \$95 for all other persons; and
- (3) Free to all [persons] Hawaii residents sixty-five years of age or older[.] and to all persons with Hansen’s disease who are residents of Kalaupapa, Molokai.”

SECTION 2. Section 183D-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§183D-28 Hunter education program.** (a) The department shall establish a hunter education program to provide instruction in hunter safety, principles of conservation, and sportsmanship. Upon successful completion of the program, the department shall issue to the graduate a hunter education certificate which shall be valid for the life of the person. This certification shall be rescinded by judicial action upon the conviction of a wildlife and/or firearms violation. No person shall be eligible for a hunting license unless the person possesses a valid hunter education certificate [issued under this section or is exempted from completing the hunter education program as provided under this section.

(b) Successful completion of the hunter education program shall be mandatory for any person who is:] or meets the requirements for exemption provided in subsection (b)(2), and is either:

- (1) Born after December 31, 1971[, unless that person meets the requirements of subsection (c)(2)]; or
- (2) Born before January 1, 1972, [but who] and has never been issued a

hunting license in the State[, unless that person meets the requirements of subsection (c)(2).

Upon successful completion of the program, the department shall issue to the person a hunter education certificate which shall be valid for the life of the person].

[(c) The following persons]

(b) A person who meets the minimum age requirements adopted pursuant to subsection (c) shall [not be required to successfully complete the hunter education program provided they meet at least one of the following requirements:] be exempt from the requirements of subsection (a) if the person:

- (1) [A person born] Was born before January 1, 1972, and [who] at one time possessed a hunting license issued by the State; provided that the person shows satisfactory proof to the department that the person had possessed the hunting license; [and] or
- (2) [A person who has] Has successfully completed a course or program of hunter education and safety which is approved by the Hunter Education Association and meets the requirements of chapter 12 of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Aid Manual, as revised; provided that the person shows satisfactory proof to the department in the form of a certificate, wallet card, or other document issued by a state or province agency evidencing successful completion of the course or program.

Upon application and satisfaction of the requirements of either [subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2),] paragraphs (1) or (2), the department shall issue [an] a written exemption which shall be [in written form and be] valid for the life of the person.

(c) The department, by rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91, shall establish minimum age requirements for issuance of the hunter education certificate, or the exemption therefrom, required to obtain a hunting license pursuant to section 183D-22 (a)(3).

(d) The department may establish a hunter education officer position to administer the program, outline all phases of instruction, conduct general supervision of individual programs, and distribute information on the program, or may contract the program to a qualified organization.

(e) The department may construct, operate, and maintain public outdoor and indoor target ranges for the program.

(f) The department shall prepare reports as may be necessary to seek approval under Public Law 91-503 for federal assistance in this program of hunter safety, conservation, and sportsmanship.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 3, 1992.)