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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE FIRST TIME BUYERS OF HUNTING LICENSES TO  
3 COMPLETE A HUNTER SAFETY COURSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
6 section 113-270.1A to read as follows:

7 "**§ 113-270.1A. Hunter Safety Course Required.**

8 (a) On or after July 1, 1991, a person, regardless of age, may not procure a hunting  
9 license or hunt in this State without producing a certificate of competency or a hunting  
10 license issued prior to July 1, 1991, or making out an affidavit that he had such a  
11 license.

12 (b) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall institute and coordinate a  
13 statewide course of instruction in hunter ethics, wildlife laws and regulations, and  
14 competency and safety in the handling of firearms, and in so doing, may cooperate with  
15 any political subdivision, or with any reputable organization having as one of its  
16 objectives the promotion of competency and safety in the handling of firearms,  
17 including local rod and gun clubs.

18 (1) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall designate those persons or  
19 agencies authorized to give the course of instruction, and this  
20 designation shall be valid until revoked by the Commission. Those  
21 designated persons shall submit to the Wildlife Resources Commission  
22 validated listings naming all persons who have successfully completed  
23 the course of instruction.

- 1           (2)    The Wildlife Resources Commission may conduct the course in hunter  
2           safety, using Commission personnel or other persons at times and in  
3           areas where other competent agencies are unable or unwilling to meet  
4           the demand for instruction.
- 5           (3)    The Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue a certificate of  
6           competency and safety to each person who successfully completes the  
7           course of instruction, and the certificate shall be valid until revoked by  
8           the Commission.
- 9           (4)    Any similar certificate issued outside the State by a governmental  
10          agency, shall be accepted as complying with the requirements of  
11          subsection (a) above, if the privileges are reciprocal for North Carolina  
12          residents.
- 13          (5)    The Wildlife Resources Commission shall adopt rules and regulations  
14          to provide for the course of instruction and the issuance of the  
15          certificates consistent with the purpose of this section.

16          (c)    On or after July 1, 1991, any person who obtains a hunting license by  
17          presenting a fictitious certificate of competency or who attempts to obtain a certificate  
18          of competency or hunting license through fraud shall have his hunting privileges  
19          revoked by the Wildlife Resources Commission for a period not to exceed one year.

20          (d)    Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the sale of lifetime  
21          licenses as provided in G.S. 113-270.2(c)(1a). Pending satisfactory completion of the  
22          hunter safety course, persons who possess such licenses may exercise the privileges  
23          thereof when accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age who is licensed to hunt in  
24          this State. For the purpose of this section, 'accompanied' is defined as being able to  
25          take immediate control of the hunting device."

26                Sec. 2. G.S. 113-270.2 is amended by adding a new subsection (a1) to read  
27 as follows:

28                "(a1) Except as provided by G.S. 113-270.1A(d), on or after July 1, 1991, a person,  
29                regardless of age, may not procure a hunting license or hunt in this State, without  
30                producing a certificate of competency pursuant to G.S. 113-270.1A or a hunting license  
31                issued prior to July 1, 1991, or making out an affidavit that he had such a license."

32                Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.