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SENATE BILL 589

Short Title: Mandatory Hunter Safety Changes.

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Sponsors: Senators Albertson; and Jordan.

Referred to: Agriculture, Marine Resources, and Wildlife.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE MANDATORY HUNTER SAFETY COURSE REQUIREMENT TO CLARIFY ITS APPLICABILITY AND USE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 113-270.1A(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) ~~On or after July 1, 1991, a person, regardless of age, may not procure a hunting license or hunt in this State without producing a certificate of competency or a hunting license issued prior to July 1, 1991, or signing a statement on a form provided by the Wildlife Resources Commission that he had such a license. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person born on or after July 1, 1977, shall successfully complete a course of instruction in hunter education as described in this section and shall produce a certificate of competency issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission before being eligible to hunt with firearms or bow and arrow and before qualifying to purchase an initial hunting license. However, a person may purchase a hunting license without having the required certificate of competency, provided the license is used only for those activities that require a hunting license but do not involve the use of a firearm or bow and arrow. A person who is licensed to hunt in North Carolina, or a parent or guardian, may purchase a license for a person under the age of 16 who does not have the required certificate of competency, provided the license cannot be used for hunting with firearm or bow and arrow:~~

(1) Until the person named as the license-holder has successfully completed the required course of instruction and has obtained the certificate of competency; or

1 (2) Unless the license-holder is accompanied by an adult who is properly
2 licensed to hunt in North Carolina.

3 Any person under the age of 16 hunting under the licensing exemption specified by
4 G.S. 113-276(d) shall be accompanied by an adult properly licensed to hunt in North
5 Carolina. For purposes of this section, 'accompanied' means able to take immediate
6 control of the firearm or bow and arrow."

7 Sec. 2. G.S. 113-270.1A(d) is repealed.

8 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.