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Short Title: No Safety Course/Disabled Hunters.

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Sponsors: Senator Albertson.

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Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF HUNTING LICENSES FOR  
CERTAIN DISABLED HUNTERS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH THE  
HUNTING SAFETY COURSE REQUIREMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 113-270.1A. **Hunter safety course required.**

(a) ~~On~~ Except as provided in subsection (a1) of this section, 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.

(a1) A person who qualifies for a totally disabled resident combination hunting-fishing license under G.S. 113-270.2(c)(12) need not comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section in order to receive that license, so long as the person does not make use of the license unless:

(1) The person is accompanied by an adult of at least 21 years of age who is licensed to hunt; and

(2) The adult hunter maintains a proximity to the disabled hunter which enables the adult to take immediate control of the hunting device at all times.

(b) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall institute and coordinate a statewide course of instruction in hunter ethics, wildlife laws and regulations, and competency and safety in the handling of firearms, and in so doing, may cooperate with

1 any political subdivision, or with any reputable organization having as one of its  
2 objectives the promotion of competency and safety in the handling of firearms,  
3 including local rod and gun clubs.

4 (1) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall designate those persons or  
5 agencies authorized to give the course of instruction, and this  
6 designation shall be valid until revoked by the Commission. Those  
7 designated persons shall submit to the Wildlife Resources Commission  
8 validated listings naming all persons who have successfully completed  
9 the course of instruction.

10 (2) The Wildlife Resources Commission may conduct the course in hunter  
11 safety, using Commission personnel or other persons at times and in  
12 areas where other competent agencies are unable or unwilling to meet  
13 the demand for instruction.

14 (3) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue a certificate of  
15 competency and safety to each person who successfully completes the  
16 course of instruction, and the certificate shall be valid until revoked by  
17 the Commission.

18 (4) Any similar certificate issued outside the State by a governmental  
19 agency, shall be accepted as complying with the requirements of  
20 subsection (a) above, if the privileges are reciprocal for North Carolina  
21 residents.

22 (5) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall adopt rules and regulations  
23 to provide for the course of instruction and the issuance of the  
24 certificates consistent with the purpose of this section.

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

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

35 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.