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SENATE BILL 5980

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By Senator Metcalf.

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1 AN ACT Relating to hunter education; and amending RCW 77.32.155.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.155 and 1987 c 506 s 81 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 When purchasing a hunting license, all persons ((under the age of  
6 eighteen)) shall present certification of completion of a course of  
7 instruction of at least six hours in the safe handling of firearms,  
8 safety, conservation, and sportsmanship; or shall present evidence of  
9 having been previously licensed to hunt in the state of Washington.  
10 After January 1, 1998, no person may purchase a hunting license without  
11 presenting a certification of completion of a course of instruction of  
12 at least six hours in the safe handling of firearms, safety,  
13 conservation, and sportsmanship. The department shall, beginning  
14 January 1, 1993, inform all purchasers of hunting licenses of this  
15 requirement.

1       The director may establish a program for training persons in the  
2 safe handling of firearms, conservation, and sportsmanship and may  
3 cooperate with the National Rifle Association, organized sportsmen's  
4 groups, or other public or private organizations.

5       The director shall prescribe the type of instruction and the  
6 qualifications of the instructors.

7       Upon successful completion of the course, a trainee shall receive  
8 a hunter education certificate signed by an authorized instructor. The  
9 certificate is evidence of compliance with this section.

10       The director may accept certificates from other states that persons  
11 have successfully completed firearm safety, hunter education, or  
12 similar courses as evidence of compliance with this section.