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1 AN ACT Relating to hunting safety for children; and amending RCW  
2 9.41.042, 77.32.155, 77.32.450, and 77.32.460.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.042 and 2003 c 53 s 27 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 RCW 9.41.040(2)(a)(iii) shall not apply to any person under the age  
7 of eighteen years who is:

8 (1) In attendance at a hunter's safety course or a firearms safety  
9 course;

10 (2) Engaging in practice in the use of a firearm or target shooting  
11 at an established range authorized by the governing body of the  
12 jurisdiction in which such range is located or any other area where the  
13 discharge of a firearm is not prohibited;

14 (3) Engaging in an organized competition involving the use of a  
15 firearm, or participating in or practicing for a performance by an  
16 organized group that uses firearms as a part of the performance;

17 (4) Hunting or trapping under a valid license issued to the person  
18 under Title 77 RCW, and if the person is under fourteen years of age  
19 the person must be under the immediate supervision of a parent,

1 guardian, or other adult approved for the purpose by the parent or  
2 guardian. "Immediate supervision" means within unassisted hearing  
3 distance;

4 (5) In an area where the discharge of a firearm is permitted, is  
5 not trespassing, and the person either: (a) Is at least fourteen years  
6 of age, has been issued a hunter safety certificate, and is using a  
7 lawful firearm other than a pistol; or (b) is under the supervision of  
8 a parent, guardian, or other adult approved for the purpose by the  
9 parent or guardian;

10 (6) Traveling with any unloaded firearm in the person's possession  
11 to or from any activity described in subsection (1), (2), (3), (4), or  
12 (5) of this section;

13 (7) On real property under the control of his or her parent, other  
14 relative, or legal guardian and who has the permission of the parent or  
15 legal guardian to possess a firearm;

16 (8) At his or her residence and who, with the permission of his or  
17 her parent or legal guardian, possesses a firearm for the purpose of  
18 exercising the rights specified in RCW 9A.16.020(3); or

19 (9) Is a member of the armed forces of the United States, national  
20 guard, or organized reserves, when on duty.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.155 and 1998 c 191 s 17 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 When purchasing any hunting license, persons under the age of  
24 eighteen shall present certification of completion of a course of  
25 instruction of at least ten hours in the safe handling of firearms,  
26 safety, conservation, and sportsmanship. Beginning January 1, 1995,  
27 all persons purchasing any hunting license for the first time, if born  
28 after January 1, 1972, shall present such certification. The minimum  
29 age to enroll in the hunter education training program is ten years  
30 old.

31 The director may establish a program for training persons in the  
32 safe handling of firearms, conservation, and sportsmanship and may  
33 cooperate with the National Rifle Association, organized sportsmen's  
34 groups, or other public or private organizations. There is no minimum  
35 age to enroll in a firearm safety instruction course.

36 The director shall prescribe the type of instruction and the  
37 qualifications of the instructors.

1        Upon successful completion of the course, a trainee shall receive  
2 a hunter education certificate or firearm safety certificate signed by  
3 an authorized instructor. The certificate is evidence of compliance  
4 with this section.

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

8        **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.450 and 2000 c 109 s 1 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10        (1) A big game hunting license is required to hunt for big game.  
11 A big game license allows the holder to hunt for forest grouse,  
12 unclassified wildlife, and the individual species identified within a  
13 specific big game combination license package. Each big game license  
14 includes one transport tag for each species purchased in that package.  
15 A hunter may not purchase more than one license for each big game  
16 species except as authorized by rule of the commission. The fees for  
17 annual big game combination packages are as follows:

18        (a) Big game number 1: Deer, elk, bear, and cougar. The fee for  
19 this license is sixty-six dollars for residents, six hundred sixty  
20 dollars for nonresidents, and thirty-three dollars for youth.

21        (b) Big game number 2: Deer and elk. The fee for this license is  
22 fifty-six dollars for residents, five hundred sixty dollars for  
23 nonresidents, and twenty-eight dollars for youth.

24        (c) Big game number 3: Deer or elk, bear, and cougar. At the time  
25 of purchase, the holder must identify either deer or elk. The fee for  
26 this license is forty-six dollars for residents, four hundred sixty  
27 dollars for nonresidents, and twenty-three dollars for youth.

28        (d) Big game number 4: Deer or elk. At the time of purchase, the  
29 holder must identify either deer or elk. The fee for this license is  
30 thirty-six dollars for residents, three hundred sixty dollars for  
31 nonresidents, and eighteen dollars for youth.

32        (e) Big game number 5: Bear and cougar. The fee for this license  
33 is twenty dollars for residents, two hundred dollars for nonresidents,  
34 and ten dollars for youth.

35        (2) In the event that the commission authorizes a two animal big  
36 game limit, the fees for the second animal are as follows:

1 (a) Elk: The fee is twenty dollars for residents, two hundred  
2 dollars for nonresidents, and ten dollars for youth.

3 (b) Deer: The fee is twenty dollars for residents, two hundred  
4 dollars for nonresidents, and ten dollars for youth.

5 (c) Bear: The fee is ten dollars for residents, one hundred  
6 dollars for nonresidents, and five dollars for youth.

7 (d) Cougar: The fee is ten dollars for residents, one hundred  
8 dollars for nonresidents, and five dollars for youth.

9 (3) In the event that the commission authorizes a special permit  
10 hunt for goat, sheep, or moose, the permit fees are as follows:

11 (a) Mountain goat: The fee is one hundred dollars for residents,  
12 one thousand dollars for nonresidents, and fifty dollars for youth.

13 (b) Sheep: The fee is one hundred dollars for residents, one  
14 thousand dollars for nonresidents, and fifty dollars for youth.

15 (c) Moose: The fee is one hundred dollars for residents, one  
16 thousand dollars for nonresidents, and fifty dollars for youth.

17 Authorization to hunt the species set out under subsection (3)(a)  
18 through (c) of this section is by special permit identified under RCW  
19 77.32.370.

20 (4) The commission may adopt rules to reduce the price of a license  
21 or eliminate the transportation tag requirements concerning bear or  
22 cougar when necessary to meet harvest objectives.

23 (5) The minimum age to apply for a big game license is ten years  
24 old.

25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.460 and 2000 c 109 s 2 are each amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 (1) A small game hunting license is required to hunt for all  
28 classified wild animals and wild birds, except big game. A small game  
29 license also allows the holder to hunt for unclassified wildlife. The  
30 small game license includes one transport tag for turkey.

31 (a) The fee for this license is thirty dollars for residents, one  
32 hundred fifty dollars for nonresidents, and fifteen dollars for youth.

33 (b) The fee for this license if purchased in conjunction with a big  
34 game combination license package is sixteen dollars for residents,  
35 eighty dollars for nonresidents, and eight dollars for youth.

36 (c) The fee for a three-consecutive-day small game license is fifty  
37 dollars for nonresidents.

1           (2) The fee for each additional turkey tag is eighteen dollars for  
2 residents, sixty dollars for nonresidents, and nine dollars for youth.  
3           (3) The minimum age to apply for a small game license is ten years  
4 old.

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