
SENATE BILL 6803

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By Senator Benson

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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 1998 c 191 s 17 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) When purchasing any hunting license, persons under the age of
6 eighteen shall present certification of completion of a course of
7 instruction of at least ten hours in the safe handling of firearms,
8 safety, conservation, and sportsmanship. Beginning January 1, 1995,
9 all persons purchasing any hunting license for the first time, if born
10 after January 1, 1972, shall present such certification.

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

15 (b) The director shall prescribe the type of instruction and the
16 qualifications of the instructors.

17 (c) Upon successful completion of the course, a trainee shall
18 receive a hunter education certificate signed by an authorized

1 instructor. The certificate is evidence of compliance with this
2 section.

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

6 (3)(a) In addition to any program in existence on the effective
7 date of this section, the director shall, by December 1, 2006,
8 establish a program for the training of persons in the safe handling of
9 firearms, conservation, and sportsmanship. Upon successful completion
10 of a course of instruction under this program, a trainee must receive
11 a hunter education certificate signed by an authorized instructor. The
12 certificate is evidence of compliance with this section.

13 (b) In establishing the program under (a) of this subsection, the
14 director must prescribe procedures for the certification of
15 instructors, approval of instruction methods, and approval of course
16 materials.

17 (c) Instructors certified under the program established under (a)
18 of this subsection may profit from the teaching of hunter education
19 courses. Fees charged under the program may not exceed fifty dollars
20 per person, per course.

21 (d) The department must operate the program established under (a)
22 of this subsection without the use of federal funds.

23 (e) By December 1, 2006, the director shall provide a report to the
24 appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the senate and house of
25 representatives detailing the substance and status of the program
26 established under (a) of this subsection.

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