

SB 5008 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 77.32.155 and 2007 c 163 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1)(a) When purchasing any hunting license, persons under the age
6 of 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. All persons purchasing any
9 hunting license for the first time, if born after January 1, 1972,
10 shall present such certification.

11 (b)(i) The director may establish a program for training persons in
12 the safe handling of firearms, conservation, and sportsmanship and
13 shall prescribe the type of instruction and the qualifications of the
14 instructors. The director shall, as part of establishing the training
15 program, exempt members of the United States military from the firearms
16 skills portion of any instruction course completed over the internet.

17 (ii) The director may cooperate with the National Rifle
18 Association, organized sportsmen's groups, or other public or private
19 organizations when establishing the training program.

20 (c) Upon the successful completion of a course established under
21 this section, the trainee shall receive a hunter education certificate
22 signed by an authorized instructor. The certificate is evidence of
23 compliance with this section.

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

27 (2)(a) The director may authorize a once in a lifetime, one license
28 year deferral of hunter education training for individuals who are
29 accompanied by a nondeferred Washington-licensed hunter who has held a

1 Washington hunting license for the prior three years and is over
2 eighteen years of age. The commission shall adopt rules for the
3 administration of this subsection to avoid potential fraud and abuse.

4 (b) The director is authorized to collect an application fee, not
5 to exceed twenty dollars, for obtaining the once in a lifetime, one
6 license year deferral of hunter education training from the department.
7 This fee must be deposited into the fish and wildlife enforcement
8 reward account and must be used exclusively to administer the deferral
9 program created in this subsection.

10 (c) For the purposes of this subsection, "accompanied" means to go
11 along with another person while staying within a range of the other
12 person that permits continual unaided visual and auditory
13 communication.

14 (3) To encourage the participation of an adequate number of
15 instructors for the training program, the commission shall develop
16 nonmonetary incentives available to individuals who commit to serving
17 as an instructor. The incentives may include additional hunting
18 opportunities for instructors."

19 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Exempts military personnel from only the firearm skills
portion of the hunter's education course requirements.

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