
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUNTING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§183D- Hawaii apprentice hunting license. (a) A
5 Hawaii apprentice hunting license shall be issued to any
6 previously unlicensed Hawaii resident who would otherwise
7 qualify for a hunting license as required by section 183D-21.

8 (b) A Hawaii apprentice hunting license shall be issued to
9 any new hunter ten years and older for the purpose of giving
10 that participant the opportunity to learn whether or not the
11 participant wishes to continue hunting on the participant's own
12 by completing a hunter education course as required by section
13 183D-28.

14 (c) At all times while engaged in any hunting activity, a
15 Hawaii apprentice hunting licensee shall:

16 (1) Have the apprentice hunting license in the licensee's
17 immediate possession; and



- 1 (2) Be accompanied by a Hawaii-licensed hunter aged
- 2 eighteen or older.
- 3 (d) A Hawaii apprentice hunting license shall expire on
- 4 June 30 next following the date of issuance and shall not be
- 5 renewed; provided that a minor apprentice may renew annually
- 6 until the apprentice turns eighteen."

7 SECTION 2. Section 183D-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 "(a) A hunting license shall be issued to a person by an

10 agent of the department upon:

- 11 (1) Written application in the form prescribed by the
- 12 department;
- 13 (2) Payment of a hunting license fee or any other hunting
- 14 related fee the board may require as provided in this
- 15 chapter; except that payment of the fee shall be
- 16 waived for any employee of the department who is
- 17 required to have a license to carry out duties of the
- 18 department; and
- 19 (3) Showing of a valid Hawaii hunter education certificate
- 20 or written exemption issued under section 183D-28 [~~ex~~
- 21 ~~upon~~], showing proof of completion of an approved



1 hunter education course described in section 183D-
2 28(b) (2) [~~-~~], or being the holder of a valid Hawaii
3 apprentice hunting license.

4 The application shall require a statement under oath of the
5 applicant's name, address, domicile or residence, length of
6 residence in the State, age, race, height, weight, and color of
7 hair and eyes."

8 SECTION 3. Section 183D-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 "(b) A person who meets the minimum age requirements
11 adopted pursuant to subsection (c) shall be exempt from the
12 requirements of subsection (a) if the person:

13 (1) Was born before January 1, 1972, and at one time
14 possessed a hunting license issued by the State;
15 provided that the person shows satisfactory proof to
16 the department that the person had possessed the
17 hunting license;

18 (2) Has successfully completed a course or program of
19 hunter education and safety that is approved by the
20 International Hunter Education Association and meets
21 the requirements of Chapter 12 of the United States



1 Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Aid Manual, as
2 revised; provided that the person shows satisfactory
3 proof in the form of a certificate, wallet card, or
4 other document issued by a state, province, or country
5 evidencing successful completion of the course or
6 program; [~~or~~]

7 (3) Obtains a three-day or a seven-day hunting license
8 pursuant to section 183D-22(b) (3) to hunt on a private
9 and commercial shooting preserve, accompanied by a
10 hunting guide licensed pursuant to section 183D-25.5;
11 provided that:

12 (A) All hunting shall be conducted on a licensed
13 private and commercial shooting preserve and
14 under the direction of a hunting guide who has
15 successfully completed a Hawaii hunter education
16 certification course and meets the requirements
17 of section 183D-25.5;

18 (B) Prior to licensing, a hunter safety class and
19 field training session shall be provided to the
20 licensee that includes hunter safety and hunting
21 equipment use and safe discharge;



- 1 (C) While hunting under these provisions, a hunting
- 2 guide shall guide not more than two unaccompanied
- 3 clients at any time while hunting;
- 4 (D) All hunting guides and clients shall wear a
- 5 hunter safety blaze-orange outer garment while
- 6 hunting;
- 7 (E) The private and commercial shooting preserve
- 8 operator, hunting guides, and clients agree to be
- 9 subject to inspection while engaged in hunting
- 10 activities by department representatives or
- 11 authorized law enforcement officers; and
- 12 (F) The private and commercial shooting preserve
- 13 owner and operator assume responsibility and
- 14 liability for public and hunter safety while
- 15 operating under these provisions and agree to
- 16 report any injuries to the department[-]; or
- 17 (4) Obtains a Hawaii apprentice hunting license issued to
- 18 prospective hunters required to be in the presence of
- 19 and under the guidance of a Hawaii-licensed hunter
- 20 while in the field for purposes of hunting.



1 Upon application and satisfaction of the requirements of
2 paragraph (1), the department shall issue a written exemption
3 that shall be valid for the life of the person. The department
4 shall develop and maintain a list of approved hunter education
5 courses described in paragraph (2) for reference by the public
6 and license agents."

7 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Apprentice Hunting License Program

Description:

Establishes a Hawaii apprentice hunting license to authorize persons without a hunting license to hunt under direct supervision of a licensed hunter. (SB2026 HD1)

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