

AMENDMENTS TO LB 690

Introduced by Natural Resources

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 37-413, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 37-413 (1) For the purpose of establishing and
6 administering a mandatory firearm hunter education program for
7 persons ~~born on or after January 1, 1977,~~ twelve through
8 twenty-nine years of age who hunt with a firearm or crossbow any
9 species of game, game birds, or game animals, the commission shall
10 provide a program of firearm hunter education training leading
11 to obtaining a certificate of successful completion in the safe
12 handling of firearms and shall locate and train volunteer firearm
13 hunter education instructors. The program shall provide a training
14 course having a minimum of (a) ten hours of classroom instruction
15 or (b) independent study on the part of the student sufficient
16 to pass an examination given by the commission followed by such
17 student's participation in a minimum of four hours of practical
18 instruction. The program shall provide instruction in the areas
19 of safe firearms use, shooting and sighting techniques, hunter
20 ethics, game identification, and conservation management. The
21 commission shall issue a firearm hunter education certificate of
22 successful completion to persons having satisfactorily completed a
23 firearm hunter education course accredited by the commission and

1 shall print, purchase, or otherwise acquire materials as necessary
2 for effective program operation. The commission shall adopt and
3 promulgate rules and regulations for carrying out and administering
4 such programs.

5 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person ~~born on or after~~
6 January 1, 1977, twenty-nine years of age or younger to hunt with
7 a firearm or crossbow any species of game, game birds, or game
8 animals except:

9 (a) A person under the age of twelve years who is
10 accompanied by a person nineteen years of age or older having a
11 valid hunting permit; and

12 (b) A person ~~born on or after January 1, 1977,~~ twelve
13 through twenty-nine years of age who has on his or her person a
14 ~~hunter education certificate~~ proof of successful completion of a
15 hunter education course or a firearm hunter education course issued
16 by the person's state or province of residence or a ~~firearm hunter~~
17 ~~education certificate~~ issued by an accredited program recognized by
18 the commission; or -

19 (c) A person twelve through twenty-nine years of age who
20 has on his or her person the appropriate hunting permit and an
21 apprentice hunter education exemption certificate issued by the
22 commission pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and who is
23 accompanied as described in subsection (4) of this section.

24 (3) An apprentice hunter education exemption certificate
25 may be issued to a person twelve through twenty-nine years of age,
26 once during such person's lifetime with one renewal, upon payment
27 of a fee of five dollars and shall expire at midnight on December

1 31 of the year for which the apprentice hunter education exemption
2 certificate is issued. The commission may adopt and promulgate
3 rules and regulations allowing for the issuance of apprentice
4 hunter education exemption certificates. All fees collected under
5 this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit
6 to the State Game Fund.

7 (4) For purposes of this section, accompanied means under
8 the direct supervision of a person nineteen years of age or older
9 having a valid hunting permit who is at all times in unaided visual
10 and verbal communication of no more than two persons having an
11 apprentice hunter education exemption certificate. This subsection
12 does not prohibit the use by such person nineteen years of age
13 or older of ordinary prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses or
14 ordinary hearing aids.

15 Sec. 2. Section 37-414, Reissue Revised Statutes of
16 Nebraska, is amended to read:

17 37-414 (1) The commission shall establish and administer
18 a bow hunter education program consisting of a minimum of (a)
19 ten hours of classroom instruction or (b) independent study on
20 the part of the student sufficient to pass an examination given
21 by the commission followed by such student's participation in a
22 minimum of four hours of practical instruction. The program shall
23 provide instruction in the safe use of bow hunting equipment,
24 the fundamentals of bow hunting, shooting and hunting techniques,
25 game identification, conservation management, and hunter ethics.
26 When establishing such a program, the commission shall locate and
27 train volunteers as bow hunter education ~~training~~ instructors. The

1 commission shall issue a certificate of successful completion to
2 any person who satisfactorily completes a bow hunter education
3 program established by the commission and shall print, purchase,
4 or otherwise acquire materials necessary for effective program
5 operation. The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and
6 regulations for carrying out and administering such program.

7 (2) A person ~~born on or after January 1, 1977,~~ twelve
8 through twenty-nine years of age who is hunting antelope, deer,
9 elk, or mountain sheep, ~~or wild turkey~~ with a bow and arrow
10 pursuant to any provision of sections 37-447 to 37-453 and 37-457
11 shall have on his or her person a ~~bow hunter education certificate~~
12 (a) proof of successful completion of a bow hunter education
13 course issued by his or her state or province of residence or a
14 ~~bow hunter education certificate~~ issued by an accredited program
15 recognized by the commission or (b) the appropriate hunting permit
16 and an apprentice hunter education exemption certificate issued and
17 enforced by the commission pursuant to section 37-413.

18 Sec. 3. Section 37-452, Revised Statutes Cumulative
19 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

20 37-452 (1) No person shall be issued a permit to hunt
21 ~~deer, antelope, elk, wild turkey,~~ hunt antelope, elk, or mountain
22 sheep unless such person is at least twelve years of age, except
23 that any person who is twelve through fifteen years of age shall
24 only hunt ~~deer, antelope, elk, wild turkey,~~ or mountain sheep when
25 ~~accompanied~~ supervised by a person ~~twenty-one~~ nineteen years of age
26 or ~~over~~ older having a valid hunting permit.

27 (2) No person shall hunt deer unless such person is at

1 least ten years of age, except that any person who is ten through
2 fifteen years of age shall only hunt deer when supervised by
3 a person nineteen years of age or older having a valid hunting
4 permit.

5 (3) A person nineteen years of age or older having a
6 valid hunting permit shall not supervise more than two persons
7 while hunting deer, antelope, elk, or mountain sheep at the same
8 time.

9 Sec. 4. Original sections 37-413 and 37-414, Reissue
10 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 37-452, Revised Statutes
11 Cumulative Supplement, 2006, are repealed.