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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs
January 25, 2007
By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

A bill for an act

relating to veterans; exempting veterans from the requirement of a firearm safety certificate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.020.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.020, is amended to read:

97B.020 FIREARMS SAFETY CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.

(a) Except as provided in this section and section 97A.451, subdivision 3a, a person born after December 31, 1979, may not obtain an annual license to take wild animals by firearms unless the person has:

(1) a firearms safety certificate or equivalent certificate;

(2) a driver's license or identification card with a valid firearms safety qualification indicator issued under section 171.07, subdivision 13;

(3) a previous hunting license with a valid firearms safety qualification indicator; or

(4) other evidence indicating that the person has completed in this state or in another state a hunter safety course recognized by the department under a reciprocity agreement or certified by the department as substantially similar.

(b) A person who is on active duty <u>or who is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447,</u> and has successfully completed basic training in the United States armed forces, reserve component, or National Guard may obtain a hunting license or approval authorizing hunting regardless of whether the person is issued a firearms safety certificate.

(c) A person born after December 31, 1979, may not use a lifetime license to take wild animals by firearms, unless the person meets the requirements for obtaining an annual license under paragraph (a) or (b).

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
2.2 and applies to hunting licenses issued on or after that date.