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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying youth hunting regulations; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.451, subdivision 4, by adding a
1.4 subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 97A.451, subdivision
1.5 3.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 97A.451, subdivision 3,
1.8 is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 3. **Residents under age 16; small game.** (a) A resident under age 16 may ~~not~~
1.10 obtain a small game license ~~but may~~ to take small game by firearms or bow and arrow
1.11 without a ~~license~~ paying the applicable fees under section 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 4,
1.12 and 5, if the resident is:

1.13 (1) age 14 or 15 and possesses a firearms safety certificate;

1.14 (2) age 13, possesses a firearms safety certificate, and is accompanied by a parent or
1.15 guardian;

1.16 (3) age 13, 14, or 15, possesses an apprentice hunter validation, and is accompanied
1.17 by a parent or guardian who possesses a small game license that was not obtained using an
1.18 apprentice hunter validation; or

1.19 (4) age 12 or under and is accompanied by a parent or guardian.

1.20 (b) A resident under age 16 may take small game by trapping without a small game
1.21 license, but a resident 13 years of age or older must have a trapping license. A resident
1.22 under age 13 may trap without a trapping license, but may not register fisher, otter,
1.23 bobcat, or pine marten unless the resident is at least age five. Any fisher, otter, bobcat,
1.24 or pine marten taken by a resident under age five must be included in the limit of the
1.25 accompanying parent or guardian.

2.1 (c) A resident under age 12 may apply for a turkey license and may take a turkey
2.2 without a firearms safety certificate if the resident is accompanied by an adult parent or
2.3 guardian who has a firearms safety certificate.

2.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.451, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.5 Subd. 4. **Persons Residents under age 16; big game.** A ~~person~~ resident under the
2.6 age of 16 may ~~not~~ obtain a license without paying the fee required under section 97A.475,
2.7 subdivision 2, to take big game unless the person possesses a firearms safety certificate. A
2.8 person under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to hunt big game.
2.9 by firearms or bow and arrow if the resident is:

2.10 (1) age 14 or 15 and possesses a firearms safety certificate;

2.11 (2) age 13, possesses a firearms safety certificate, and is accompanied by a parent or
2.12 guardian;

2.13 (3) age 13, 14, or 15, possesses an apprentice hunter validation, and is accompanied
2.14 by a parent or guardian who possesses a big game license that was not obtained using an
2.15 apprentice hunter validation; or

2.16 (4) age 12 or under and is accompanied by a parent or guardian.

2.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.451, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.18 to read:

2.19 Subd. 4a. **Nonresidents under age 18; big game.** (a) A nonresident under age
2.20 18 may obtain a big game license at the applicable resident fee under section 97A.475,
2.21 subdivision 2, if the nonresident:

2.22 (1) possesses a firearms safety certificate; or

2.23 (2) if age 13 or under, is accompanied by a parent or guardian when purchasing
2.24 the license.

2.25 (b) A nonresident age 13 or under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to
2.26 take big game. A nonresident age 12 or under is not required to possess a firearms safety
2.27 certificate under section 97B.020 to take big game.