

By Senator Baker

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to hunter safety; amending s.

3 372.5717, F.S.; providing for the Fish and

4 Wildlife Conservation Commission to issue a

5 license authorizing a person who is otherwise

6 unqualified to engage in certain hunting

7 activities while under supervision; providing

8 certain limitations on issuing such a license;

9 exempting a person issued a license authorizing

10 supervised hunting from the requirement to have

11 completed a hunter safety course; revising the

12 required hours of instruction for the hunter

13 safety course; providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Subsections (2), (3), and (6) of section

18 372.5717, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

19 372.5717 Hunter safety course; requirements;

20 penalty.--

21 (2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person

22 born on or after June 1, 1975, may not be issued a license to

23 take wild animal life with the use of a firearm, gun, bow, or

24 crossbow in this state without having first successfully

25 completed a hunter safety course as provided in this section,

26 and without having in his or her personal possession a hunter

27 safety certification card, as provided in this section.

28 (b) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may

29 issue a license authorizing a person born on or after June 1,

30 1975, who has not successfully completed a hunter safety

31 course to hunt under supervision. A license authorizing

1 supervised hunting shall be valid for no longer than 1 year
2 and may not be issued more than once to any one individual. A
3 person issued a license authorizing supervised hunting may
4 take wild animal life only with the use of a firearm, gun,
5 bow, or crossbow while under the supervision and in the
6 physical presence of a person 21 years of age or older who has
7 successfully completed a hunter safety course as provided in
8 this section or who is not required under this section to
9 complete such a course.

10 (3) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
11 shall institute and coordinate a statewide hunter safety
12 course that ~~which~~ must be offered in every county and consist
13 of not ~~less than 12 hours nor~~ more than 16 hours of
14 instruction, including, but not limited to, instruction in the
15 competent and safe handling of firearms, conservation, and
16 hunting ethics.

17 (6) All persons subject to the requirements of
18 subsection (2) must have in their personal possession, proof
19 of compliance with this section, while taking or attempting to
20 take wildlife with the use of a firearm, gun, bow, or crossbow
21 and must, unless the requirement to complete a hunter safety
22 course is deferred pursuant to this section, display a valid
23 hunter safety certification card ~~to county tax collectors or~~
24 ~~their subagents~~ in order to purchase a Florida hunting
25 license. After the issuance of such a license, the license
26 itself shall serve as proof of compliance with this section.
27 A holder of a lifetime license whose license does not indicate
28 on the face of the license that a hunter safety course has
29 been completed must have in his or her personal possession a
30 hunter safety certification card, as provided by this section,
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1 while attempting to take wild animal life with the use of a
2 firearm, gun, bow, or crossbow.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

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