

By Senator Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the hunter safety course; amending s.
3 372.5717, F.S.; providing that a person born on or after
4 June 1, 1970, who is a member of the United States active-
5 duty armed forces, the United States Armed Forces
6 Reserves, the United States National Guard, the United
7 States Coast Guard, or the United States Coast Guard
8 Reserve may satisfy the requirement for completing a
9 hunter safety course by completing an online electronic
10 course or by completing a hunter safety workbook and
11 written exam provided by the Fish and Wildlife
12 Conservation Commission; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 372.5717, Florida
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 372.5717 Hunter safety course; requirements; penalty.--

19 (2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person born
20 on or after June 1, 1975, may not be issued a license to take
21 wild animal life with the use of a firearm, gun, bow, or crossbow
22 in this state without having first successfully completed a
23 hunter safety course as provided in this section, and without
24 having in his or her personal possession a hunter safety
25 certification card, as provided in this section.

26 (b) A person born on or after June 1, 1975, who has not
27 successfully completed a hunter safety course may apply to the
28 commission for a special authorization to hunt under supervision.
29 The special authorization for supervised hunting shall be

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30 designated on any license or permit required under this chapter
31 for a person to take game or fur-bearing animals and shall be
32 valid for not more than 1 year. A special authorization for
33 supervised hunting may not be issued more than once to the person
34 applying for such authorization. A person issued a license with a
35 special authorization to hunt under supervision must hunt under
36 the supervision of, and in the presence of, a person 21 years of
37 ~~or~~ age or older who is licensed to hunt pursuant to s. 372.57 or
38 who is exempt from licensing requirements or eligible for a free
39 license pursuant to s. 372.562.

40 (c) Any resident born on or after June 1, 1975, who is an
41 active-duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the United
42 States Armed Forces Reserves, the National Guard, the United
43 States Coast Guard, or the United States Coast Guard Reserve,
44 upon submission of a current military identification card, may
45 satisfy the requirements of this subsection by successfully
46 completing a military hunter safety course that may be completed
47 entirely online electronically or by completing a hunter safety
48 workbook and written test provided by the commission.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.