

By the Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security; and  
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 a  
4 specified date who is an active-duty member of the United  
5 States Armed Forces or a current member of the United  
6 States Armed Forces Reserves, the United States National  
7 Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States  
8 Coast Guard Reserve may satisfy the requirement for  
9 completing the hunter safety course by completing an  
10 online electronic course or by completing a hunter safety  
11 workbook and written exam provided by the Fish and  
12 Wildlife Conservation Commission; providing an effective  
13 date.

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

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

19 372.5717 Hunter safety course; requirements; penalty.--

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

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

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

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

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