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HOUSE BILL NO. 884

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WILDLIFE & FISHERIES DEP: Authorizes the issuance of a restricted hunter education
certificate for developmentally disabled hunters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:699.5, relative to hunter education; to provide for exceptions
3 to the requirement for hunter education; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 56:699.5 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §699.5. Firearm and hunter education requirement

7 A. No person shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been
8 issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education
9 course taught or approved by the department, or possesses a valid hunting license
10 issued by the department. However, a person under sixteen years of age may hunt
11 without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision
12 of a person who is eighteen years of age or older and has a valid hunting license or
13 proof of successful completion of a hunter safety education course approved by the
14 department.

15 B. A person who is developmentally disabled and unable to successfully
16 complete a hunter safety course may be issued a restricted hunter education
17 certificate that permits him to hunt, if he is accompanied by and is under the direct
18 supervision of a person who is eighteen years of age or older and has a valid hunting
19 license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety education course

1 approved by the department. Documentation of the developmental disability from
2 a licensed medical doctor shall be presented prior to the issuance of a restricted
3 hunter education certificate.

4 C. For the purposes of this ~~Subsection~~ Section, "direct supervision" means
5 that the person being supervised shall be within a normal audible voice proximity
6 and in direct line of sight of the supervising adult at all times while hunting.

7 ~~B: D.~~ D. The commission may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this
8 Section, including rules to define the circumstances that constitute a person being
9 accompanied by and under the direct supervision of another.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the issuance of a restricted hunter education certificate for developmentally disabled hunters.

Present law prohibits any person from hunting without either completing a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries or possessing a valid hunting license. Excepts from this prohibition a person under 16 who is hunting under the direct supervision of a person who is at least 18 and who has a valid hunting license or who has passed the hunter safety education course.

Present law defines "direct supervision" to mean the person being supervised is within a normal audible voice proximity and in the direct line of sight of the supervising adult at all times while hunting.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the issuance of a restricted hunter education certificate to a developmentally disabled person who is unable to successfully complete a hunter safety course. Such permit allows a person to hunt if he is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person who is 18 years of age or older and has a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety education course.

Proposed law requires documentation of the developmental disability prior to the issuance of a restricted hunter education certificate.

(Amends R.S. 56:699.5)