

SENATE BILL NO. 384

BY SENATOR CLAITOR AND REPRESENTATIVES BOBBY BADON, FOIL,
GISCLAIR, HARRISON, HENDERSON, SAM JONES, LAMBERT
AND LITTLE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:699.5(A) and to repeal R.S. 56:699.8, relative to firearm and
3 hunter education requirement; to provide an exemption for hunters who are under the
4 direct supervision of a person who possesses a hunting license or proof of successful
5 completion of the firearm and hunter education course; to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:699.5(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §699.5. Firearm and hunter education requirement

9 A.(1) No person shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been
10 issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education
11 course taught or approved by the department, or possesses a valid hunting license
12 issued by the department.

13 (2) However, a person under sixteen years of age may hunt without such
14 certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person
15 who is eighteen years of age or older and has a valid hunting license or proof of
16 successful completion of a hunter safety education course approved by the
17 department. For the purposes of this Subsection, "direct supervision" means that the
18 person being supervised shall be within a normal audible voice proximity and in
19 direct line of sight of the supervising adult at all times while hunting.

20 **(3) However, a person who has not completed the firearm and hunter**
21 **education course required by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection may be issued a**
22 **valid hunting license by the department. Such license shall be issued with a**
23 **restriction that requires that person be accompanied by and under the direct**

1 supervision of a person who is eighteen years of age or older and has a valid
2 hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety education
3 course approved by the department.

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5 Section 2. R.S. 56:699.8 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

6 Section 3. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "The Louisiana Family
7 Hunting Law."

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____