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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; lowering the minimum age to take big game; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.451, subdivision 4; Minnesota Statutes 2017  
1.4 Supplement, section 97A.475, subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.451, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Residents and nonresidents under age 16; big game.** (a) A resident or  
1.8 nonresident age 12, 13, 14, or 15 may not obtain a license to take big game unless the person  
1.9 possesses a firearms safety certificate or an apprentice-hunter validation as provided under  
1.10 section 97B.022. A nonresident age 12 or 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian  
1.11 to hunt big game.

1.12 (b) A resident or nonresident age eight, nine, ten, or 11 must obtain a license under  
1.13 paragraph (c) and may take big game, provided the person is under the direct supervision  
1.14 of a parent or guardian where the parent or guardian is within immediate reach.

1.15 (c) A resident or nonresident age eight, nine, ten, 11, or 12 must obtain a license to take  
1.16 big game under section 97A.475, subdivision 2 or 3.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 97A.475, subdivision 2, is amended  
1.18 to read:

1.19 Subd. 2. **Resident hunting.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents  
1.20 only, are:

1.21 (1) for persons age 18 or over and under age 65 to take small game, \$15.50;

- 2.1 (2) for persons age 65 or over, \$7 to take small game;
- 2.2 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take turkey, \$26;
- 2.3 (4) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, \$5;
- 2.4 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms  
2.5 season, \$34;
- 2.6 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, \$34;
- 2.7 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader  
2.8 season, \$34;
- 2.9 (8) to take moose, for a party of not more than six persons, \$356;
- 2.10 (9) for persons age 18 or over to take bear, \$44;
- 2.11 (10) to take elk, for a party of not more than two persons, \$287;
- 2.12 (11) to take Canada geese during a special season, \$4;
- 2.13 (12) to take prairie chickens, \$23;
- 2.14 (13) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during the  
2.15 regular firearms season, \$5;
- 2.16 (14) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, \$5;
- 2.17 (15) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by muzzleloader during  
2.18 the muzzleloader season, \$5;
- 2.19 (16) for persons age eight, nine, 10, 11, or 12 to take bear, no fee;
- 2.20 (17) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take bear, \$5;
- 2.21 (18) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period  
2.22 selected by the licensee, \$19, of which an amount equal to one-half of the fee for the  
2.23 migratory-waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the  
2.24 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half of  
2.25 the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in the  
2.26 pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and one-half  
2.27 of the small-game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited in the wildlife acquisition  
2.28 account;
- 2.29 (19) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take small game, \$5;
- 2.30 (20) to take wolf, \$30;

- 3.1 (21) for persons age 12 and under to take turkey, no fee;
- 3.2 (22) for persons age eight, nine, 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by firearm, no fee;
- 3.3 (23) for persons age eight, nine, 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by archery, no fee; and
- 3.4 (24) for persons age eight, nine, 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by muzzleloader during the
- 3.5 muzzleloader season, no fee.