

SENATE BILL 1237

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section  
70-2-108, relative to hunter education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-108(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(a)

(1) Every person born on or after January 1, 1969, before hunting, shall possess, in addition to all other licenses and permits required, proof of satisfactory completion of an agency-approved hunter education course, except this provision shall not apply to persons under ten (10) years of age accompanied by an adult at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

(2)

(A) The commission is authorized to promulgate rules to create a permit for a fee exempting persons from the hunter education requirements of this section for a twelve-month period, as long as the person possesses all other licenses and permits required, and, if ten (10) years of age or older, the person must be accompanied by a licensed adult at least twenty-one (21) years of age or older, who is hunter-education-certified or otherwise exempt by law.

(B) Effective July 1, 2015, a person who meets the requirements of subdivision (2)(A) may purchase the permit annually for up to three (3) consecutive years.

(3) For the purpose of this section, "accompanied" is defined as being able to take immediate control of the hunting device.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.