

HOUSE BILL No. 5957

April 8, 2008, Introduced by Rep. LeBlanc and referred to the Committee on Tourism,
Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 43520 (MCL 324.43520), as amended by 2006 PA
282.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43520. (1) Subject to other requirements of this part,
2 the department may issue a hunting license to a minor child if all
3 of the following requirements are met:

4 (a) A parent or legal guardian of the minor child applies for
5 the license on behalf of the minor child.

6 (b) The parent or guardian represents that the requirements of
7 section 43517(a), (b), or (c), as applicable, will be complied
8 with.

1 (c) The minor child is at least 10 years old or, if the
2 license is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk with a firearm, at
3 least 12 years old.

4 (d) The license fee is paid.

5 (2) A person authorized to sell hunting licenses shall not
6 issue a hunting license to a person born after January 1, 1960,
7 unless the person presents proof of previous hunting experience in
8 the form of a hunting license issued by this state, another state,
9 a province of Canada, or another country, **PRESENTS PROOF THAT THE**
10 **PERSON IS LICENSED BY THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE TO CARRY A**
11 **CONCEALED WEAPON**, or presents a certification of completion of
12 training in hunter safety issued to the person by this state,
13 another state, a province of Canada, or another country. If an
14 applicant for a hunting license does not have proof of such a
15 previous license, **CONCEALED WEAPON LICENSE**, or a certification of
16 completion of training in hunter safety, a person authorized to
17 sell hunting licenses may issue a hunting license if the applicant
18 submits a signed affidavit stating that the applicant has completed
19 a course in hunter safety, **THAT THE APPLICANT HAS A LICENSE TO**
20 **CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON**, or that the applicant possessed such a
21 hunting license previously. The person selling a hunting license
22 shall record as specified by the department the form of proof of
23 the previous hunting experience, **LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED**
24 **WEAPON**, or certification of completion of hunter safety training
25 presented by the applicant. This subsection does not apply to the
26 issuance of an apprentice license. An apprentice license or the
27 equivalent does not satisfy the requirements of this subsection

1 concerning proof of previous hunting experience.

2 (3) A person who does not meet the requirements of subsection
3 (2) may obtain an apprentice license for the same price as the
4 corresponding regular license that the person would otherwise be
5 qualified to obtain. A person 17 years old or older shall not hunt
6 game under an apprentice license unless another person at least 21
7 years old who possesses a license, other than an apprentice
8 license, to hunt that game accompanies that apprentice licensee and
9 does not accompany more than 1 other apprentice licensee. For the
10 purposes of this subsection and section 43517(b), a person shall
11 not go along with more than 2 apprentice licensees of any age for
12 the purpose of accompanying those apprentice licensees while those
13 apprentice licensees are hunting. If a person has represented to an
14 apprentice licensee or, if the apprentice licensee is a minor
15 child, to the apprentice licensee's parent or legal guardian that
16 the person would accompany the apprentice licensee for the purposes
17 of this subsection, the person shall not go along with the
18 apprentice licensee while the apprentice licensee is hunting unless
19 the person actually accompanies the apprentice licensee and
20 possesses a license, other than an apprentice license, to hunt the
21 same game as the apprentice licensee. A person is not eligible to
22 obtain a specific type of apprentice license, such as a firearm
23 deer license, an archery deer license, a combination deer license,
24 a small game license, or a turkey license, for more than 2 license
25 years. An apprentice license shall be distinguished from a license
26 other than an apprentice license by a notation or other means.

27 (4) By October 1, 2008, the department shall submit to the

1 standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with
2 primary responsibility for conservation and outdoor recreation
3 issues a report on the effect of the apprentice hunter program and
4 the reductions in minimum hunting age enacted by ~~the 2006~~
5 ~~amendatory act that amended this section~~ **2006 PA 282** on recruitment
6 of new hunters and other relevant issues, such as hunter safety.