

SENATE BILL NO. 341

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:699.5(A) and (B) and 699.6 and to repeal R.S. 56:699.1 and
3 699.2, relative to the firearm and hunter education courses; to provide for firearm
4 and hunter education requirements; to provide terms and conditions for exceptions
5 from firearm and hunter education; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:699.5(A) and (B) and 699.6 are hereby amended and reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 §699.5. Firearm and hunter education requirement

10 A.(1) No person **born on or after September 1, 1969**, shall hunt ~~with a~~
11 ~~firearm~~ unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory
12 completion of a firearm and hunter education course ~~taught or~~ approved by the
13 department, ~~or possesses a valid hunting license issued by the department.~~

14 (2) However, a person under sixteen years of age may hunt without such
15 certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person
16 **who was born before September 1, 1969, and has a valid hunting license or** who
17 is eighteen years of age or older and has ~~a valid hunting license or~~ proof of
18 successful completion of a **firearm and** hunter ~~safety~~ education course approved by
19 the department. ~~For the purposes of this Subsection, "direct supervision" means that~~
20 ~~the person being supervised shall be within a normal audible voice proximity and in~~
21 ~~direct line of sight of the supervising adult at all times while hunting.~~

22 (3) However, a person who has not completed the firearm and hunter
23 education course required by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection may be issued a valid
24 hunting license by the department. Such license shall be issued with a restriction that
25 requires that person be accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person
26 who **was born before September 1, 1969, and has a valid hunting license or who**
27 is eighteen years of age or older and has ~~a valid hunting license or~~ proof of

1 successful completion of a **firearm and** hunter ~~safety~~ education course approved by
2 the department.

3 B. A person who is developmentally disabled and unable to successfully
4 complete a **firearm and** hunter **education** ~~safety~~ course may be issued a restricted
5 **firearm and** hunter education certificate that permits him to hunt, if he is
6 accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person who **was born**
7 **before September 1, 1969, and has a valid hunting license or who** is eighteen
8 years of age or older and has a ~~valid hunting license~~ or proof of successful
9 completion of a **firearm and** hunter ~~safety~~ education course approved by the
10 department. Documentation of the developmental disability from a licensed medical
11 doctor shall be presented prior to the issuance of a restricted hunter education
12 certificate.

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14 §699.6. Firearm and hunter education exemption

15 The provisions of R.S. 56:~~699.1, 699.2, and 699.5~~ shall not apply to any
16 active or veteran member of the United States armed services or to any POST-
17 certified law enforcement officer or to any individual with current POST-
18 certification. The commission may adopt rules to implement this Section including
19 rules regarding evidence of such service. Application for the exemption authorized
20 in this Section shall be filed in person at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
21 main office building in the city of Baton Rouge, or at any other location designated
22 by the department.

23 Section 2. R.S. 56:699.1 and 699.2 are hereby repealed.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____