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Bill Analysis

HB 2862 modifies the age a person may purchase a hunting license without a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms from the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The age is lowered from 30 to 20 years of age. The measure requires all nonresidents to obtain such a certificate. The Department shall charge no fee for the issuance of this certificate. The measure provides that a nonresident may alternatively use a hunter safety certificate issued by another state or country and approved by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to purchase a hunting license. Additionally, the measure prohibits any nonresident from providing guide services as it relates to hunting without obtaining a hunting guide license. The measure requires such persons as well as residents registering to be a hunting guide possess a certificate of competency and safety as well as be able to produce a valid license to operate a motor vehicle or other positive proof of identification. The fee for such a license shall be established by the Director of the Department. The measure provides that any person issued such a license who violates a rule of the Department shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$2,000.00 as well as license revocation. Any person providing hunting guide services who is not duly licensed shall also be subject to the fine. The measure outlines exempted persons.

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