

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0235

Mentor small game and game bird hunting.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing an exception to
2 the hunter safety certificate requirement for hunting small
3 game and game birds with a mentor; specifying requirements;
4 providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-2-106(a), (c) and by creating a
10 new subsection (e) is amended to read:

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12 **23-2-106. Hunter safety; exception.**

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14 (a) Except as provided in subsections (c) ~~and~~ (d)
15 and (e) of this section, no person born on or after January

1 1, 1966, may take any wildlife by the use of firearms on
2 land other than that of his own family, unless the person
3 possesses or can demonstrate they have obtained a
4 certificate of competency and safety in the use and
5 handling of firearms as provided by subsection (b) of this
6 section.

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8 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this
9 section, a person who has not received a certificate of
10 competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms
11 as provided by subsection (b) of this section may apply to
12 the department for a special authorization to take wildlife
13 with the use of a firearm while being accompanied by a
14 person who has attained the age of majority, acting as a
15 mentor, who possesses or can demonstrate he has obtained a
16 certificate of competency and safety in the use and
17 handling of firearms and who possesses a valid Wyoming
18 hunting license. A mentor shall not provide supervision
19 for more than one (1) person, other than immediate family
20 members, at a time in the field. The special authorization
21 shall be valid for not more than one (1) year. Nothing in
22 this subsection shall be construed as altering the
23 requirements of W.S. 23-2-102(a). The commission shall

1 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes
2 of this subsection and subsection (e) of this section.

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4 (e) A person under fourteen (14) years of age who has
5 not yet received a certificate of competency and safety in
6 the use and handling of firearms may take small game and
7 game birds without receiving special authorization from the
8 department under subsection (c) of this section while being
9 accompanied by a person who has attained the age of
10 majority, acting as a mentor, who possesses or can
11 demonstrate he has obtained a certificate of competency and
12 safety in the use and handling of firearms, unless
13 otherwise exempted as provided in subsection (a) of this
14 section, and who possesses a valid Wyoming small game or
15 game bird license. A mentor shall not provide supervision
16 for more than one (1) person, other than immediate family
17 members, at a time in the field.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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21 (END)