

1 AN ACT relating to hunter education.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 150.170 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Except as provided in the following subsections of this section, and subject to
5 administrative regulations promulgated under this chapter, no person, resident, or
6 nonresident shall do any act authorized by any kind of license or permit or assist in
7 any way any person in doing any act provided for in this chapter with respect to
8 wildlife unless he ***or she*** holds the kind of license or permit, resident or nonresident,
9 that authorizes the act. It shall be the specific purpose of this chapter to prohibit the
10 taking or pursuing of any wildlife, protected or unprotected, or the fishing in any
11 stream or body of water whether public or private, without first procuring the
12 license provided for in KRS 150.175, except to the extent as may be otherwise
13 provided in this section.
- 14 (2) A person under sixteen (16) years of age may, without a sport fishing license, take
15 fish by angling, or take minnows by the use of a minnow seine, minnow trap, or dip
16 net.
- 17 (3) A person under twelve (12) years of age shall be exempt from being required to
18 obtain a sport hunting or sport trapping license as required by this chapter.
- 19 (4) The resident owner of farmlands or his or her spouse or dependent children shall,
20 without procuring any sport hunting or sport fishing licenses, have the right to take
21 fish or hunt during the open season, except trapping, on the farmlands of which they
22 are bona fide owners. Tenants or their dependent children residing upon these
23 farmlands shall have the same privilege.
- 24 (5) Residents or nonresidents observing and participating in field trials, training
25 exercises, or other competitions as authorized by the department may observe and
26 participate without obtaining a hunting or guide's license so long as game is not
27 taken.

- 1 (6) Any resident serviceman on furlough of more than three (3) days in this state may,
2 without any Kentucky sport hunting or sport fishing licenses, do any act authorized
3 by the licenses, but while so doing he or she shall carry on his person proper
4 identification and papers showing his or her furlough status.
- 5 (7) Landowners, their spouses or dependent children, or their designee who must be
6 approved by the commissioner, who kill or trap on their lands any wildlife causing
7 damage to the lands or any personal property situated thereon shall not be required
8 to have a hunting or trapping license and may do so during periods other than the
9 open season for the particular species without a tag and dispose of the carcass on-
10 site. Tenants, their spouses, their dependent children, or other persons approved by
11 the commissioner, shall also have the same privilege. Upon destruction of any
12 wildlife by the above-specified individuals, the act shall be reported to a
13 conservation officer within twenty-four (24) hours of the kill. Individuals wishing to
14 transport the carcass from the property upon which it was killed shall contact
15 personnel of the department to request a disposal tag or other authorization. Inedible
16 parts from wildlife taken under the authorization of this section shall not be utilized
17 for any purpose and shall be destroyed or left afield. The department shall
18 promulgate administrative regulations establishing procedures for the designee
19 appointment process, including request and approval deadlines.
- 20 (8) If a reciprocal agreement is entered into by the commissioner, with the approval of
21 the commission, and promulgated as an administrative regulation by the department
22 and similar action is taken by the appropriate authority in Missouri, Tennessee,
23 Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, or Illinois, persons holding a resident or
24 nonresident fishing or a resident or nonresident hunting license issued in these states
25 shall be permitted to perform the acts authorized by the license upon certain
26 contiguous waters and land areas adjacent to the common boundaries of the above-
27 mentioned states and the State of Kentucky. A resident of the State of Kentucky

1 shall purchase a proper Kentucky license to conform with the reciprocal agreement.
2 (9) Any member of the Kentucky Army or Air National Guard, active duty or Reserve
3 Component, in any branch in the United States Armed Forces that is based in the
4 Commonwealth of Kentucky, shall have the right to take fish or hunt on any
5 military property belonging to the Commonwealth without procuring any sport
6 hunting or sport fishing license.

7 **(10) A person not otherwise exempted from hunter safety education or from procuring**
8 **any sport hunting or sport fishing license shall be exempt from the department-**
9 **sanctioned live-fire exercise component of the hunter education course**
10 **requirement if he or she:**

11 **(a) Is a current member of the Armed Forces of the United States;**

12 **(b) Has served in the Armed Forces of the United States and was discharged or**
13 **released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable; or**

14 **(c) Is a peace officer certified pursuant to KRS 15.380 to 15.404.**