

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) **(a)** Except as provided in the following subsections of this section, and subject to  
5 administrative regulations promulgated under this chapter, no person,  
6 resident, or nonresident shall do any act authorized by any kind of license or  
7 permit or assist in any way any person in doing any act provided for in this  
8 chapter with respect to wildlife unless he or she holds the kind of license or  
9 permit, resident or nonresident, that authorizes the act.

10 **(b)** It shall be the specific purpose of this chapter to prohibit the taking or  
11 pursuing of any wildlife, protected or unprotected, or the fishing in any stream  
12 or body of water whether public or private, without first procuring the license  
13 provided for in KRS 150.175, except to the extent as may be otherwise  
14 provided in this section.

15 **(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a person, resident or**  
16 **nonresident, eighteen (18) years of age or older shall not be required to take**  
17 **a hunter education course in order to obtain a license or permit issued by**  
18 **the department under this chapter.**

19 (2) A person under sixteen (16) years of age may, without a sport fishing license, take  
20 fish by angling, or take minnows by the use of a minnow seine, minnow trap, or dip  
21 net.

22 (3) A person under twelve (12) years of age shall be exempt from being required to  
23 obtain a sport hunting or sport trapping license as required by this chapter.

24 (4) The resident owner of farmlands or his or her spouse or dependent children shall,  
25 without procuring any sport hunting or sport fishing licenses, have the right to take  
26 fish or hunt during the open season, except trapping, on farmlands of which they are  
27 bona fide owners. Tenants or their dependent children residing upon these

1 farmlands shall have the same privilege.

2 (5) Residents or nonresidents observing and participating in field trials, training  
3 exercises, or other competitions as authorized by the department may observe and  
4 participate without obtaining a hunting or guide's license so long as game is not  
5 taken.

6 (6) Any resident serviceman on furlough of more than three (3) days in this state may,  
7 without any Kentucky sport hunting or sport fishing licenses, do any act authorized  
8 by the licenses, but while so doing he or she shall carry on his or her person proper  
9 identification and papers showing his or her furlough status.

10 (7) Landowners, their spouses or dependent children, or their designee who must be  
11 approved by the commissioner, who kill or trap on their lands any wildlife causing  
12 damage to the lands or any personal property situated thereon shall not be required  
13 to have a hunting or trapping license and may do so during periods other than the  
14 open season for the particular species without a tag and dispose of the carcass on-  
15 site. Tenants, their spouses, their dependent children, or other persons approved by  
16 the commissioner, shall also have the same privilege. Upon destruction of any  
17 wildlife by the above-specified individuals, the act shall be reported to a game  
18 warden within twenty-four (24) hours of the kill. Individuals wishing to transport  
19 the carcass from the property upon which it was killed shall contact personnel of the  
20 department to request a disposal tag or other authorization. Inedible parts from  
21 wildlife taken under the authorization of this section shall not be utilized for any  
22 purpose and shall be destroyed or left afield. The department shall promulgate  
23 administrative regulations establishing procedures for the designee appointment  
24 process, including request and approval deadlines.

25 (8) If a reciprocal agreement is entered into by the commissioner, with the approval of  
26 the commission, and promulgated as an administrative regulation by the department  
27 and similar action is taken by the appropriate authority in Missouri, Tennessee,

1 Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, or Illinois, persons holding a resident or  
2 nonresident fishing or a resident or nonresident hunting license issued in these  
3 states shall be permitted to perform the acts authorized by the license upon certain  
4 contiguous waters and land areas adjacent to the common boundaries of the above-  
5 mentioned states and the State of Kentucky. A resident of the State of Kentucky  
6 shall purchase a proper Kentucky license to conform with the reciprocal agreement.

7 (9) Any member of the Kentucky Army or Air National Guard, active duty or Reserve  
8 Component, in any branch in the United States Armed Forces that is based in the  
9 Commonwealth of Kentucky, shall have the right to take fish or hunt on any  
10 military property belonging to the Commonwealth without procuring any sport  
11 hunting or sport fishing license[.

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

16 ~~(a) Is a current member of the Armed Forces of the United States;~~

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

19 ~~(c) Is a peace officer certified pursuant to KRS 15.380 to 15.404].~~