

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 246—ASSEMBLYMEN BOBZIEN, SMITH,
OHRENSCHALL; AIZLEY, CARPENTER, GRADY,
KIRKPATRICK, MUNFORD, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER AND
SPIEGEL

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS PARKS, HARDY; AND LEE

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Provides for the issuance of an apprentice hunting
license. (BDR 45-512)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City
Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to wildlife; providing for the issuance of an
apprentice hunting license; prohibiting an apprentice
hunter from hunting in this State unless he is
accompanied and directly supervised by a mentor hunter;
providing an exception from requirements concerning the
completion of a course in the responsibilities of hunters;
providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly
relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the Department of Wildlife to issue licenses to hunt and
2 fish in Nevada. (Chapter 502 of NRS) **Section 1** of this bill provides for the
3 issuance, without a fee, of an apprentice hunting license to a person who: (1) is 12
4 years of age or older; (2) has not previously been issued a hunting license in this
5 State, another state or a Canadian province; and (3) except for the requirement of
6 completing a course of instruction in the responsibilities of hunters, is otherwise
7 qualified to obtain a hunting license. **Section 1** also provides that it is unlawful for
8 an apprentice hunter to hunt in this State unless he is accompanied and directly
9 supervised by a mentor hunter who is 18 years of age or older and licensed to hunt
10 in this State. A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor. (NRS 501.385) In



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addition, **section 1** provides that the mentor hunter must maintain close visual and verbal contact with, provide adequate direction to and maintain the ability readily to assume control of any firearm or weapon from the apprentice hunter.

Existing law requires a person to complete a course of instruction in the responsibilities of hunters before obtaining a hunting license in this State. (NRS 502.330) **Section 2** of this bill provides an exception from this requirement for a person who applies for an apprentice hunting license.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 502 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Department shall issue an apprentice hunting license to a person who:

(a) Is 12 years of age or older;

(b) Has not previously been issued a hunting license by the Department, another state or an agency of a Canadian province, including, without limitation, an apprentice hunting license; and

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, is otherwise qualified to obtain a hunting license in this State.

2. The Department shall not impose a fee for the issuance of an apprentice hunting license.

3. An apprentice hunting license authorizes the apprentice hunter to hunt in this State as provided in this section.

4. It is unlawful for an apprentice hunter to hunt in this State unless a mentor hunter accompanies and directly supervises the apprentice hunter at all times during a hunt.

5. A person is not required to complete a course of instruction in the responsibilities of hunters as provided in NRS 502.340 to obtain an apprentice hunting license.

6. The issuance of an apprentice hunting license does not:

(a) Authorize the apprentice hunter to obtain any other hunting license;

(b) Authorize the apprentice hunter to hunt any animal for which a tag is required pursuant to NRS 502.130; or

(c) Exempt the apprentice hunter from any requirement of this title.

7. The Commission may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

8. As used in this section:

(a) "Accompanies and directly supervises" means maintains close visual and verbal contact with, provides adequate direction to and maintains the ability readily to assume control of any firearm or weapon from an apprentice hunter.



(b) "Apprentice hunter" means a person who obtains an apprentice hunting license pursuant to this section.

(c) "Mentor hunter" means a person 18 years of age or older who holds a hunting license issued in this State and who accompanies and directly supervises an apprentice hunter. The term does not include a person who holds an apprentice hunting license pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2. NRS 502.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.330 1. ~~No~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, no hunting license may be obtained by any person born after January 1, 1960, unless he presents to the Department, or one of its authorized licensing agents:

(a) A certificate of successful completion of a course of instruction in the responsibilities of hunters as provided by NRS 502.340;

(b) An equivalent certificate of completion of a course in the responsibilities of hunters provided by ~~the~~:

(1) Another state ~~for an~~;

(2) An agency of a Canadian province for the management of wildlife; or

(3) An agency of a foreign country whose course of instruction meets or exceeds the standards established by the International Hunter Education Association, or its successor organization; or

(c) A hunting license issued to him in a previous year by the Department, ~~the~~ another state or an agency of a Canadian province, which bears a number or other unique mark evidencing successful completion of a course of instruction in the responsibilities of hunters.

2. Any person who has been convicted of violating NRS 503.165 or 503.175 may not obtain a hunting license until he has successfully completed a course in the responsibilities of hunters conducted pursuant to NRS 502.340.

