

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 690

Introduced by Enrollment and Review Committee: McGill, 26,
Chairperson

1 1. Because of the enactment of Laws 2007, LB 299, strike
2 the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the
3 following new sections:

4 Section 1. Section 37-413, Reissue Revised Statutes of
5 Nebraska, is amended to read:

6 37-413 (1) For the purpose of establishing and
7 administering a mandatory firearm hunter education program for
8 persons ~~born on or after January 1, 1977,~~ twelve through
9 twenty-nine years of age who hunt with a firearm or crossbow any
10 species of game, game birds, or game animals, the commission shall
11 provide a program of firearm hunter education training leading
12 to obtaining a certificate of successful completion in the safe
13 handling of firearms and shall locate and train volunteer firearm
14 hunter education instructors. The program shall provide a training
15 course having a minimum of (a) ten hours of classroom instruction
16 or (b) independent study on the part of the student sufficient
17 to pass an examination given by the commission followed by such
18 student's participation in a minimum of four hours of practical
19 instruction. The program shall provide instruction in the areas
20 of safe firearms use, shooting and sighting techniques, hunter
21 ethics, game identification, and conservation management. The
22 commission shall issue a firearm hunter education certificate of
23 successful completion to persons having satisfactorily completed a

1 firearm hunter education course accredited by the commission and
2 shall print, purchase, or otherwise acquire materials as necessary
3 for effective program operation. The commission shall adopt and
4 promulgate rules and regulations for carrying out and administering
5 such programs.

6 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person ~~born on or after~~
7 January 1, 1977, twenty-nine years of age or younger to hunt with
8 a firearm or crossbow any species of game, game birds, or game
9 animals except:

10 (a) A person under the age of twelve years who is
11 accompanied by a person nineteen years of age or older having a
12 valid hunting permit; and

13 (b) A person ~~born on or after January 1, 1977,~~ twelve
14 through twenty-nine years of age who has on his or her person a
15 hunter education certificate proof of successful completion of a
16 hunter education course or a firearm hunter education course issued
17 by the person's state or province of residence or a ~~firearm hunter~~
18 ~~education certificate~~ issued by an accredited program recognized by
19 the commission; or -

20 (c) A person twelve through twenty-nine years of age who
21 has on his or her person the appropriate hunting permit and an
22 apprentice hunter education exemption certificate issued by the
23 commission pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and who is
24 accompanied as described in subsection (4) of this section.

25 (3) An apprentice hunter education exemption certificate
26 may be issued to a person twelve through twenty-nine years of age,
27 once during such person's lifetime with one renewal, upon payment

1 of a fee of five dollars and shall expire at midnight on December
2 31 of the year for which the apprentice hunter education exemption
3 certificate is issued. The commission may adopt and promulgate
4 rules and regulations allowing for the issuance of apprentice
5 hunter education exemption certificates. All fees collected under
6 this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit
7 to the State Game Fund.

8 (4) For purposes of this section, accompanied means under
9 the direct supervision of a person nineteen years of age or older
10 having a valid hunting permit who is at all times in unaided visual
11 and verbal communication of no more than two persons having an
12 apprentice hunter education exemption certificate. This subsection
13 does not prohibit the use by such person nineteen years of age
14 or older of ordinary prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses or
15 ordinary hearing aids.

16 Sec. 2. Section 37-414, Revised Statutes Supplement,
17 2007, is amended to read:

18 37-414 (1) The commission shall establish and administer
19 a bow hunter education program consisting of a minimum of (a)
20 ten hours of classroom instruction or (b) independent study on
21 the part of the student sufficient to pass an examination given
22 by the commission followed by such student's participation in a
23 minimum of four hours of practical instruction. The program shall
24 provide instruction in the safe use of bow hunting equipment,
25 the fundamentals of bow hunting, shooting and hunting techniques,
26 game identification, conservation management, and hunter ethics.
27 When establishing such a program, the commission shall locate and

1 train volunteers as bow hunter education ~~training~~ instructors. The
2 commission shall issue a certificate of successful completion to
3 any person who satisfactorily completes a bow hunter education
4 program established by the commission and shall print, purchase,
5 or otherwise acquire materials necessary for effective program
6 operation. The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and
7 regulations for carrying out and administering such program.

8 (2) A person ~~born on or after January 1, 1977,~~ twelve
9 through twenty-nine years of age who is hunting antelope, deer,
10 elk, or mountain sheep with a bow and arrow pursuant to any
11 provision of sections 37-447 to 37-453 shall have on his or her
12 person a ~~bow hunter education certificate~~ (a) proof of successful
13 completion of a bow hunter education course issued by his or
14 her state or province of residence or a ~~bow hunter education~~
15 ~~certificate~~ issued by an accredited program recognized by the
16 commission or (b) the appropriate hunting permit and an apprentice
17 hunter education exemption certificate issued and enforced by the
18 commission pursuant to section 37-413.

19 Sec. 3. Section 37-452, Revised Statutes Supplement,
20 2007, is amended to read:

21 37-452 (1) No person shall be issued a ~~permit to hunt~~
22 ~~deer,~~ hunt antelope, elk, or mountain sheep unless such person is
23 at least twelve years of age, ~~except that~~ and any person who is
24 twelve through fifteen years of age shall only hunt ~~deer,~~ antelope,
25 elk, or mountain sheep when ~~accompanied~~ supervised by a person
26 ~~twenty-one~~ nineteen years of age or ~~over~~ older having a valid
27 hunting permit.

1 (2) No person shall hunt deer unless such person is at
2 least ten years of age, and any person who is ten through fifteen
3 years of age shall only hunt deer when supervised by a person
4 nineteen years of age or older having a valid hunting permit.

5 (3) A person nineteen years of age or older having a
6 valid hunting permit shall not supervise more than two persons
7 while hunting deer, antelope, elk, or mountain sheep at the same
8 time.

9 Sec. 4. Original section 37-413, Reissue Revised Statutes
10 of Nebraska, and sections 37-414 and 37-452, Revised Statutes
11 Supplement, 2007, are repealed.

12 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "sections" in line 1
13 through line 6 and insert "section 37-413, Reissue Revised Statutes
14 of Nebraska, and sections 37-414 and 37-452, Revised Statutes
15 Supplement, 2007; to change provisions relating to mandatory
16 firearm hunter education and bow hunter education programs; to
17 provide for apprentice hunter education exemption certificates; to
18 change provisions relating to hunting permits; and to repeal the
19 original sections."