

AMENDMENTS TO LB 970

Introduced by Natural Resources Committee:

1           1. Strike sections 1 and 2 and insert the following new  
2 sections:

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

5           37-413 (1) For the purpose of establishing and  
6 administering a mandatory firearm hunter education program for  
7 persons born on or after January 1, 1977, who hunt with a  
8 firearm or crossbow any species of game, game birds, or game  
9 animals, the commission shall provide a program of firearm hunter  
10 education training leading to obtaining a certificate of successful  
11 completion in the safe handling of firearms and shall locate  
12 and train volunteer firearm hunter education instructors. The  
13 program shall provide a training course having a minimum of (a)  
14 ten hours of classroom instruction or (b) independent study on  
15 the part of the student sufficient to pass an examination given  
16 by the commission followed by such student's participation in a  
17 minimum of four hours of practical instruction. The program shall  
18 provide instruction in the areas of safe firearms use, shooting  
19 and sighting techniques, hunter ethics, game identification, and  
20 conservation management. The commission shall issue a firearm  
21 hunter education certificate of successful completion to persons  
22 having satisfactorily completed a firearm hunter education course  
23 accredited by the commission and shall print, purchase, or

1 otherwise acquire materials as necessary for effective program  
2 operation.

3 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person born on or after  
4 January 1, 1977, to hunt with a firearm or crossbow any species of  
5 game, game birds, or game animals except:

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

9 (b) A person ~~born on or after January 1, 1977,~~ who has  
10 on his or her person a ~~hunter education certificate of successful~~  
11 ~~completion issued by the person's state or province of residence or~~  
12 ~~a firearm hunter education certificate issued~~ proof of successful  
13 completion of a firearm hunter education course issued by this  
14 state or the person's state or province of residence or by an  
15 accredited program recognized by the commission; or

16 (c) A person twelve years of age or older who has on  
17 his or her person the appropriate hunting permit and an apprentice  
18 hunter education exemption issued by the commission and who is  
19 accompanied by a person nineteen years of age or older having  
20 a valid hunting permit. A person nineteen years of age or older  
21 having a valid hunting permit shall not accompany more than two  
22 persons having apprentice hunter education exemptions at the same  
23 time.

24 (3) An apprentice hunter education exemption may be  
25 issued to a person born on or after January 1, 1977, and who is  
26 twelve years of age or older once during such person's lifetime  
27 upon payment of a fee of five dollars and shall be valid for

1 a period of one calendar year. The commission may adopt and  
2 promulgate rules and regulations allowing for the issuance of  
3 apprentice hunter education exemptions. All fees collected under  
4 this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit  
5 to the State Game Fund.

6 (4) For purposes of this section, accompanied means under  
7 the direct supervision of a person nineteen years of age or older  
8 having a valid hunting permit who is at all times in unaided visual  
9 and verbal communication with the person having an apprentice  
10 hunter education exemption.

11 Sec. 2. Section 37-414, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
12 Nebraska, is amended to read:

13 37-414 (1) The commission shall establish and administer  
14 a bow hunter education program consisting of a minimum of (a)  
15 ten hours of classroom instruction or (b) independent study on  
16 the part of the student sufficient to pass an examination given  
17 by the commission followed by such student's participation in a  
18 minimum of four hours of practical instruction. The program shall  
19 provide instruction in the safe use of bow hunting equipment,  
20 the fundamentals of bow hunting, shooting and hunting techniques,  
21 game identification, conservation management, and hunter ethics.  
22 When establishing such a program, the commission shall recruit  
23 and train ~~volunteers as bow hunter education training~~ instructors.  
24 The commission shall issue a certificate of successful completion  
25 to any person who satisfactorily completes a bow hunter education  
26 program established by the commission and shall print, purchase,  
27 or otherwise acquire materials necessary for effective program

1 operation. The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and  
2 regulations for carrying out and administering such program.

3 (2) A person born on or after January 1, 1977, who is  
4 twelve years of age or older and who is hunting antelope, deer,  
5 elk, mountain sheep, or wild turkey with a bow and arrow pursuant  
6 to any provision of sections 37-447 to 37-453 and 37-457 shall  
7 have on his or her person (a) proof of successful completion of  
8 a bow hunter education certificate of successful completion course  
9 issued by Nebraska or his or her state or province of residence or  
10 a bow hunter education certificate issued by an accredited program  
11 recognized by the commission or (b) an apprentice hunter education  
12 exemption issued by the commission pursuant to section 37-413. Any  
13 person bow hunting with an apprentice hunter education exemption  
14 shall be accompanied by a person nineteen years of age or older  
15 having a valid hunting permit, and such person nineteen years of  
16 age or older shall not accompany more than two persons having  
17 apprentice hunter education exemptions at the same time.

18 (3) For purposes of this section, accompanied means under  
19 the direct supervision of the person nineteen years of age or older  
20 having a valid hunting permit who is at all times in unaided visual  
21 and verbal communication with the person having an apprentice  
22 hunter education exemption.