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By House Committee on Fisheries, Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Orcutt, Mielke, Cooper, McMahan, Anderson, Campbell and Bush)

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1 AN ACT Relating to hunter education certificate requirements; and
2 amending RCW 77.32.155.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.155 and 1998 c 191 s 17 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) When purchasing any hunting license, persons under the age
7 of eighteen shall present certification of completion of a course of
8 instruction of at least ten hours in the safe handling of firearms,
9 safety, conservation, and sportsmanship. Beginning January 1, 1995,
10 all persons purchasing any hunting license for the first time, if born
11 after January 1, 1972, shall present such certification.

12 (b) The director may establish a program for training persons in
13 the safe handling of firearms, conservation, and sportsmanship and may
14 cooperate with the National Rifle Association, organized sportsmen's
15 groups, or other public or private organizations.

16 (c) The director shall prescribe the type of instruction and the
17 qualifications of the instructors.

18 (d) Upon successful completion of the course, a trainee shall

1 receive a hunter education certificate signed by an authorized
2 instructor. The certificate is evidence of compliance with this
3 section.

4 (e) The director may accept certificates from other states that
5 persons have successfully completed firearm safety, hunter education,
6 or similar courses as evidence of compliance with this section.

7 (2) A person on active duty in the United States armed forces who
8 was born after January 1, 1972, is exempt from the firearms range safe
9 handling portion of the hunter education course required by subsection
10 (1) of this section if the person:

11 (a) Is currently stationed at a military installation located in
12 Washington; and

13 (b) Has successfully completed any firearms qualification
14 requirements required by his or her branch of the military within the
15 twenty-four month period prior to purchasing an initial hunting
16 license.

17 (3)(a) A person on active duty in the United States armed forces
18 who was born after January 1, 1972, and who is currently stationed at
19 a military installation located in Washington may receive a current
20 year hunting license without satisfying the certification requirements
21 of subsection (1) of this section if their transfer to a Washington
22 military installation is within the ninety-day period preceding the
23 purchase of an initial hunting license.

24 (b) The provisions of (a) of this subsection may be exercised by a
25 person one time. The certification requirements of subsection (1) of
26 this section, as modified by subsection (2) of this section, must be
27 met before purchasing a subsequent hunting license.

28 (4) Active duty military personnel applying for the exemption
29 provided in subsection (2) or (3) of this section are responsible for
30 providing identification and documentation to the department
31 establishing that the requirements of subsection (2) or (3) of this
32 section have been satisfied.

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