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By Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 77.32.155 and 2013 c 23 s 243 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

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

11 (b)(i) The director may establish a program for training persons  
12 in the safe handling of firearms, conservation, and sporting/hunting  
13 behavior and shall prescribe the type of instruction and the  
14 qualifications of the instructors. The director shall, as part of  
15 establishing the training program, exempt (~~members of the United~~  
16 ~~States military~~) the following individuals from the firearms skills  
17 portion of any instruction course completed over the internet:

18 (A) Members of the United States military;

19 (B) Current or retired general authority Washington peace  
20 officers as defined in RCW 10.93.020;

21 (C) Current or retired limited authority Washington peace  
22 officers as defined in RCW 10.93.020, if the officer is or was duly  
23 authorized by his or her employer to carry a concealed pistol;

24 (D) Current or retired specially commissioned Washington peace  
25 officers as defined in RCW 10.93.020, if the officer is or was duly  
26 authorized by his or her commissioning agency to carry a concealed  
27 pistol; and

28 (E) Current or retired Washington peace officers as defined in  
29 RCW 43.101.010 who have met the requirements of RCW 43.101.095 or  
30 43.101.157 and whose certification is in good standing or has not  
31 been revoked.

1 (ii) The director may cooperate with the national rifle  
2 association, organized sports/outdoor enthusiasts' groups, or other  
3 public or private organizations when establishing the training  
4 program.

5 (c) Upon the successful completion of a course established under  
6 this section, the trainee shall receive a hunter education  
7 certificate signed by an authorized instructor. The certificate is  
8 evidence of compliance with this section.

9 (d) The director may accept certificates from other states that  
10 persons have successfully completed firearm safety, hunter education,  
11 or similar courses as evidence of compliance with this section.

12 (2)(a) The director may authorize a once in a lifetime, one  
13 license year deferral of hunter education training for individuals  
14 who are accompanied by a nondeferred Washington-licensed hunter who  
15 has held a Washington hunting license for the prior three years and  
16 is over eighteen years of age. The commission shall adopt rules for  
17 the administration of this subsection to avoid potential fraud and  
18 abuse.

19 (b) The director is authorized to collect an application fee, not  
20 to exceed twenty dollars, for obtaining the once in a lifetime, one  
21 license year deferral of hunter education training from the  
22 department. This fee must be deposited into the fish and wildlife  
23 enforcement reward account and must be used exclusively to administer  
24 the deferral program created in this subsection.

25 (c) For the purposes of this subsection, "accompanied" means to  
26 go along with another person while staying within a range of the  
27 other person that permits continual unaided visual and auditory  
28 communication.

29 (3) To encourage the participation of an adequate number of  
30 instructors for the training program, the commission shall develop  
31 nonmonetary incentives available to individuals who commit to serving  
32 as an instructor. The incentives may include additional hunting  
33 opportunities for instructors."

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1        On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 77.32.155."

EFFECT: Exempts limited authority and specially commissioned retired peace officers from having to take the field skills test, if these retired officers were previously authorized by their employer to carry a concealed weapon.

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