



2020 South Dakota Legislature
House Bill 1095
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AN ACT

ENTITLED An Act to revise requirements regarding hunting mentors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 41-6-81 be AMENDED:

41-6-81. Hunter mentoring program--Requirements--Promulgation of rules.

Notwithstanding any provisions of Title 41 to the contrary, a child who is a resident of this state and less than sixteen years of age is not required to possess a hunting license in order to hunt, if the child is accompanied by a hunting mentor. A hunting mentor may be the child's parent or guardian or any other competent adult who has the written consent of the child's parent or guardian.

The hunting mentor shall be unarmed, except as otherwise provided in this section, shall have successfully completed a hunter safety or hunter education course that meets the requirements of chapter 41-7, and shall possess a valid small game or waterfowl hunting license for the game being hunted. To serve as a hunting mentor for big game, the mentor shall possess the mentor big game license obtained by the child's parent or guardian.

A child who hunts pursuant to this section shall be under the immediate physical control, direct supervision, and responsibility of a hunting mentor, at the time the child discharges a firearm or operates a bow and arrow in the act of hunting.

A hunting mentor may accompany no more than one mentored child at any one time.

No hunting party that includes a mentored child may include more than six persons, regardless of whether or not members of the hunting party are hunting or possess or operate firearms.

A child who hunts pursuant to this section is subject to all requirements, restrictions, and penalties specified in this title and in rules promulgated pursuant to this title, with respect to the species being hunted, except that the combined number of

animals taken or possessed by the child and the hunting mentor may not exceed the number of animals authorized under licenses held by the hunting mentor.

A mentored child may not take big game under the provisions of this section except antlerless deer, turkey, and doe-fawn antelope. No big game may be taken by a mentored child unless the child's parent or legal guardian has been issued a license that designates the child as a mentored child who is authorized to exercise the privileges granted by the license. The license is valid only for the mentored child and is not transferable to another person. Application for or issuance of such licenses does not affect the eligibility of the parent or legal guardian for any other big game license.

Nothing in this section prohibits the hunting mentor from carrying a concealed pistol or other legally possessed handgun.

The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to establish criteria and conditions governing the hunter mentoring program established in this section.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:

House as Bill No. 1095

Received at this Executive Office
this ____ day of _____,
2020 at _____ M.

Chief Clerk

By _____
for the Governor

Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby
approved this _____ day of
_____, A.D., 2020

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

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Office of the Secretary of State

President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed _____, 2020
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Secretary of the Senate

Secretary of State

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By _____
Asst. Secretary of State